Kyle J. Krause
Chairman and CEO
Kum & Go LC

Kyle J. Krause's strong business drive and proven leadership led him to the top of Kum & Go L.C., a family-owned convenience store chain founded more than 50 years ago. In 1997, Kyle was named president of Kum & Go. In 2004, he became owner, president, and CEO. In 2018, fourth-generation family member Tanner Krause was named the new Kum & Go president and Kyle became chairman and CEO.

Under Kyle’s leadership, Kum & Go grew to more than 430 stores in 11 states. Today, Kum & Go employs more than 4,700 associates and is the fifth largest privately held, company-operated convenience store chain in the United States. In 2014, for the sixth consecutive year, Kum & Go was listed by Inc. Magazine as one of the fastest growing privately held companies in America.

A successful entrepreneur, Kyle also owns Solar Transport, the largest Iowa-based refined fuel transporter. In 1998, he purchased the Des Moines Menace (a Premier Development League soccer team). In 2011, he was inducted into the United Soccer League’s Hall of Fame for his many contributions. He launched Des Moines’ first Women’s League Soccer team in 2012.

In 2012, Kyle was a national finalist for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year in the retail and consumer products category. A dedicated community business leader and a passionate philanthropist, Kyle serves in many capacities on numerous boards throughout the Greater Des Moines community, including the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines, Des Moines Art Center, United Way Tocqueville Society and Sacred Heart Church, among others. Nationally, Kyle serves as co-chair for the National Gallery of Art, Contemporary Collectors Committee.

Personally and professionally, both Kyle and his wife, Sharon, have built a reputation for philanthropic giving. Kum & Go generously donates 10% of its annual profits each year to charitable causes.

Kyle received a BBA in finance from the University of Iowa. He and wife reside in Booneville, Iowa, and have five children.