



## Kristin Winford

Ed.D., MBA

### Chief Operating Officer

#### Department

Executive

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#### Locations

Austin, TX

## Biography

Kristin Winford is a senior operations executive with over 20 years of experience driving global professional services and strategic business transformation.

Recognized for her ability to galvanize teams around a shared vision, Kristin is known for devising innovative growth strategies, maximizing employee engagement, and streamlining operations to achieve lasting impact. She has led award-winning organizations through transformative change—aligning strategy, systems, and execution to achieve planned and profitable growth.

A proven change agent, Kristin has successfully implemented enterprise-wide initiatives that reduce costs, optimize performance, and elevate organizational capability. With a sharp eye for untapped opportunities, she consistently delivers forward-thinking strategies that propel companies—and their people—to the next level of success.

## Credentials

- Ed.D.
- MBA

## Professional Experience

- 2025 - Current | Chief Operating Officer | YA Group
- 2023 - 2025 | Global Head of Operations | Accordion
- 2016 - 2023 | Managing Principal, Strategic Planning and Operational Excellence | BDO, Advisory
- 2004 - 2015 | Chief Operating Office | Mesriow Financial Consulting
- 1999 - 2004 | Director of Operations | KPMG Advisory

## Education

- Creighton University - Doctor of Education - Organizational Leadership - Omaha - Nebraska
- Arizona State University - Master of Business Administration - Phoenix - Arizona
- Southern Methodist University - Bachelor of Arts - Psychology - Dallas - Texas