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## CEO Gift Guide

From the all-new Xbox One console to owning a piece of Detroit to a tasting tour in New York, treat your favorite executive this holiday season. **BY MARLEY KALT**

**SPORTS** As the official game console of the NFL,

Xbox One helps fans stay connected to the latest news, highlights, scores, and stats from the around the league. Fantasy players can keep up with built-in *NFL.com* Fantasy Football in real time while watching live TV broadcast games.

### THE NEXT GENERATION

The arrival of the console comes with new games and integrated entertainment options, including:



#### FORZA MOTORSPORT 5

The popular racing series by Turn 10 Studios kicks into high gear and brings gamers closer to the driving seat with 3-D feedback.



#### RYSE: SON OF ROME

Help lead young Roman soldier Marius Titus in an epic battle against a barbarian horde on his quest for vengeance.



#### DESTINY

In this game brought to you by the creators of Halo, players can create characters and earn unique and customizable weapons, gear, and vehicles as the Guardian of the last safe city on Earth.



**SKYPE** The popular text, voice, and video app has been specially designed for Xbox One. Talk with friends in HD, use the Snap mode to chat while you watch TV, or participate in-group video calls with up to three people around the world.

**MULTITASK** Can't decide between playing Destiny and watching Netflix? Xbox One lets you jump from TV to a movie to a game and split your screen so you can view both at the same time.

### ONE FOR ALL

Give your favorite executive an all-in-one entertainment center with Microsoft's new Xbox One. More than a gaming console, the Xbox One uses the cloud to deliver instant access to movies, sports, music, Skype video calls, and more. Available Nov. 22. Reserve online at [xbox.com](http://xbox.com) or at the Microsoft store at the Somerset Collection in Troy or Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi. **PRICE:** \$499.



### PICK A FRAME ...

Give your CEO a piece of Detroit that also shows support for the city. Pair a handmade Urban Ashes frame (right) with a limited-edition photograph (below) from 100 Abandoned Houses to create a custom art piece for an office or home. Urban Ashes founder Paul M. Hickman of Ann Arbor says his company maximizes America's underutilized natural resources and human potential by employing Michigan's transitional/disabled workforce for one-of-a-kind hand-made picture frames from discarded urban salvage. Visit [urbanashes.com](http://urbanashes.com). The frames range in size and variety of wood. **PRICE:** \$39 to \$69



### ...AND ADD A PHOTOGRAPH

What started 10 years ago as a creative outlet, Kevin Bauman began photographing vacant residences to satisfy his curiosity with the state of his hometown of Detroit. "I had always found it to be amazing, depressing, and perplexing that a once great city could find itself in such great distress, all the while surrounded by such affluence," Bauman says. As the number of images grew, Bauman says a documentary style began to emerge, and he switched from shooting black and white to color photographs. Bauman's 100 Abandoned Houses project benefits nonprofit work in Detroit. The photographs range in size. Visit [100abandoned-houses.com](http://100abandoned-houses.com). **PRICE:** \$35 to \$140.

### ADD A LITTLE SPARKLE

Create sparkling competition for the holiday lights with the Five-Row Open Bracelet with Diamonds from David Yurman's Willow collection. "The willow is delicate and strong, and the jewelry has that feeling, too. Everything about it is feminine and powerful," Yurman says of the nature-inspired collection. Pavé diamonds enhance this sterling silver piece that is sure to amaze everyone at your holiday party. The bracelet is available at the David Yurman store at Somerset Collection in Troy. **PRICE:** \$4,800



### IT'S ALL IN THE BOX

Spread the holiday spirit all year long with a membership in the 8° Plato Craft Box Club from 8° Plato Beer Co. in Ferndale. Each box contains one or more specialty craft beers from a variety of Michigan and national brewers, artisan foods, and other beer-themed provisions assembled by the 8° Plato staff. Boxes are delivered monthly; must be 21 or older to purchase. Visit [8degreesplato.com](http://8degreesplato.com). **PRICE:** \$45 per month/ per box, plus \$5 one-time membership fee.

### EAT, DRINK, AND TRAVEL

Treat your favorite executive to the ultimate gourmet getaway. Sur La Table, now with three locations in metro Detroit, offers luxury vacations to see, eat, and enjoy top culinary destinations. Tasting tours, cooking classes, and dining at world-famous restaurants are just a few of the experiences that await guests of these all-inclusive vacations. Locations include Sonoma, New Orleans, and New York City. Visit [surlatable.com](http://surlatable.com) for more information. **PRICE:** From \$1,310 to \$2,115; airfare not included.

