

Faces In The News

Faces In The News: May 16, 2002

Greg Levine, 05.16.02, 2:00 PM ET

NEW YORK - Doers and doings in business, entertainment and technology:

Lech Walesa is a self-described "man of passions." That's why the statesman and Nobel Prize winner says he's accepted a position as director at NuTech, a Charlotte, N.C. firm providing advanced predictive analytics and profit optimization software to companies and governments. Former Bank of America Chairman and CEO Hugh McColl Jr. also sits on the company's board. In a phone interview with *Faces In The News*, the good-humored Walesa noted he'd been offered "many, many" positions at companies over the years, but he turned them all down. Why? Walesa said his ambitions are reserved for "truly meaningful opportunities. NuTech is doing important things." He said working for the firm will help strengthen bonds between the U.S. and his nation, and Eastern Europe *en toto*, via the nurturing of technology and economic reform. After leading his 10 million-strong Solidarity movement against the Soviet empire's tanks and secret police, and serving as Poland's first democratically-elected leader in the post-Cold War turmoil, the directorship should be easy...even in the current tech market.



President Lech Walesa: A man of passions.