

ROSS PEROT JR.

CHAIRMAN,
HILLWOOD



Like his visionary father, Ross Perot Jr. has a knack for seeing possibilities before others and the bold confidence to think big. His game-changing developments include Alliance in North Fort Worth and Victory Park in Dallas. His new Hillwood Urban group is working on projects from downtown to Frisco.

EDUCATION: Vanderbilt University (BA-Business)
LESSON LEARNED: "When times are good, you have to work very hard. When times are bad, you have to work even harder."
LOOKING AHEAD: "North Texas is an amazing community, with decades of growth ahead of it."
SCARY MOMENTS: "In 1984, I was charged and run over by a white rhino while hunting."
FAVORITE FOOD: "Steaks at Al Biernat's"
FIRST CAR: "My mother's Lincoln Mark III"
FAVORITE MOVIE: "Top Gun"
BUCKET LIST: "I'd like to fly the new F-22 Raptor."

SCOTT ROHRMAN

OWNER,
42 REAL ESTATE



The most successful pocket markets are those that have a single driving force leading the charge. In Deep Ellum, that force is Scott Rohrman. He has assembled more than 50 properties in the Dallas neighborhood and is bringing new life to the area while still maintaining the integrity of historic buildings.

EDUCATION: Southern Methodist University (MBA), Baylor University (MS-Education, BBA)
LESSON LEARNED: "To love others. This is not just a business lesson, but a faith lesson, a family lesson, and a life lesson."
BEST ADVICE: "Employers and clients value three things over all else: intelligence, hard work, and integrity."
FAVORITE FOOD: "The charcuterie at On the Lamb is incredible, as is the duck confit, and the dogs at Luscher's Red Hots are an addiction."
FAVORITE MOVIE: "Ghandi"

ADAM SAPHIER

PRESIDENT OF
CENTRAL OPERATIONS,
TRAMMELL CROW CO.



Adam Saphier is carrying on Trammell Crow Co.'s long tradition of development, overseeing new projects and acquisitions in DFW, Austin, and Houston, as well as Atlanta and Chicago. He loves working in real estate because of its tangible results: "We can make the world a better place with our developments."

EDUCATION: University of Virginia (MBA), Pomona College (BA-Economics)
BEST ADVICE: "Consider compromising on everything except your values."
TOUGHEST CHALLENGE: "My mother's battle with cancer. Her sage advice was to 'breathe' in challenging moments because, 'This, too, shall pass.' These words of wisdom have been helpful in difficult times."
FAVORITE FOOD: "Sushi at Shinsei."
SCARY MOMENT: "Scuba-diving with bronze whaler sharks during a night dive at the Great Barrier Reef."
FAVORITE MOVIE: "Caddyshack"

ROBERT SHAW

PRESIDENT,
COLUMBUS REALTY
PARTNERS



Known for incorporating walkability into his multifamily developments in Uptown—decades before the movement really caught on—Robert Shaw has found new playgrounds lately, with big projects underway in Trinity Groves in Dallas, Legacy West in Plano, and Craig Ranch in McKinney.

EDUCATION: The University of Texas at Dallas (BS)
LESSON LEARNED: "'Win-win' is a lot more fun than 'I win-you lose.'"
SCARY MOMENT: "Climbing the Grand Tetons."
FUN FACT: "I enjoy doing manual labor."
FAVORITE FOOD: "Anything on the menu at Neighborhood Services."
HOBBY/PASSION: "Restoring the longleaf grassland ecosystem on property I own in Alabama."
FAVORITE MOVIES: "'The Sandlot' and 'Braveheart'"
BUCKET LIST: "Get knee-replacement surgery"
FIRST CAR: "A 1964 Rambler"

SABINE GAEDEKE STENER

CEO,
GAEDEKE GROUP



Sabine Gaedeke Stener arrived in Dallas 20 years ago from Germany, with just two suitcases and a stack of operating statements for some real estate properties her father had acquired in Texas. She has since built a formidable American offshoot. Her latest wins involve big projects in Uptown and Legacy West.

EDUCATION: Universität Hamburg, Germany (graduate degree-Business, undergraduate degree-Economics)
ADVICE FOR AN 18-YEAR-OLD ME: "Work on meeting people and developing relationships."
FAVORITE FOOD: "My favorite cuisine is Japanese, and I get my fix at Uchi. I love their creative way of mixing unexpected flavors and textures in their dishes."
FIRST CAR: "A Fiat Uno in fire-engine red with standard transmission. It's the only red car I will ever own."
STANDOUT DESTINATION: "Machu Picchu in the Andes. It's a very spiritual and mysterious place."

STEVE VAN AMBURGH

CHAIRMAN AND CEO,
KDC



Steve Van Amburgh develops office campuses for some of the world's largest companies, including State Farm, Toyota Motor North America, JPMorgan Chase, and Liberty Mutual. The sprawling projects are case studies for the mixed-use environments now finding favor with Corporate America.

EDUCATION: Washington and Lee University (BS-Commerce and Economics)
WHY REAL ESTATE: "I have always loved building things, so real estate development sort of found me."
LESSON LEARNED: "Treat people fairly, be honest and respectful, and remain open-minded and caring."
FAVORITE FOOD: "Tex-Mex at Fernando's. I could eat it every day."
FIRST CAR: "An Oldsmobile F85 with a stick shift and no air-conditioning."
BEVERAGE OF CHOICE: "I love Arnold Palmers."
FAVORITE MOVIE: "Swiss Family Robinson"