



Howard A. Silver

Howard A. Silver was elected to our Board of Directors in 2010.

From May 1994 to 2007, Mr. Silver was the president and chief executive officer of Equity Inns, Inc., a former NYSE listed company. Until the sale of the company to Whitehall Global Real Estate Funds in October 2007, Equity Inns was the largest hotel real estate investment trust (REIT) focused on the upscale extended stay, all-suite and midscale limited-service segments of the hotel industry. Mr. Silver also served as Equity Inns' executive vice president of finance, chief financial officer, and chief operating officer from 1994 to 2004. Prior to joining Equity Inns, Mr. Silver was employed by Ernst & Young LLP from 1987 to 1992 and by PricewaterhouseCoopers (formerly Coopers & Lybrand L.L.P.) from 1978 to 1986. Mr. Silver holds a B.S. in Accounting from the University of Memphis, and has been a certified public accountant since 1980.