

## Jack P. DeBoer

Jack DeBoer began his career selling real estate during the summers while in high school in Kalamazoo, Michigan. In 1952, he graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in business.

Following two years as a Military Police Officer during the Korean War, he teamed up with his father to build homes in southern Michigan. In 1966, DeBoer began building apartments and, by 1973, his company had built over 16,000 apartments in 30 cities across 25 states. *National Real Estate Investor* recognized DeBoer as the “second-largest multi-family developer in the United States.”

In 1975, he designed and built the first Residence Inn all-suite hotel located in downtown Wichita. He was a pioneer in the all-suite hotel concept and he built or franchised 100 hotels before selling The Residence Inn Company to Marriott Corporation in 1987.

In Aspen, DeBoer developed the Grand Champions Club, a world class tennis facility and health club, to which Maroon Creek Golf Course and residential lots have been added.

In 1988, DeBoer co-founded Summerfield Hotel Corporation, a second-generation upscale all-suite hotel chain which has, to date, developed 30 hotels. He served as Co-Chairman of Summerfield’s Board of Directors. In 1993, DeBoer resigned as Co-Chairman of Summerfield. In 1995, DeBoer founded Candlewood Hotel Company, a public company, and served as Chairman and CEO until the company was purchased by InterContinental Hotels Group in December, 2003. In June, 2002, he founded Value Place, a short-term apartment concept, which continues to enjoy rapid expansion. He also continues to serve as Chairman of Consolidated Holdings, Inc.

In 1989, DeBoer and Bruce Huelat purchased Hix Corporation in Pittsburg, Kansas where DeBoer now serves as Chairman of the Board. Hix is the premier manufacturer of printing equipment utilized world wide by the imprinted sportswear industry.

In addition to his numerous successful business ventures, DeBoer is active in several business and civic organizations. He is a past-President of the Wichita Area Chamber of Commerce. He was one of the founders of the Center for Entrepreneurship at Wichita State University. He is a trustee of Innkeepers Real Estate Investment Trust and former Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Youth For Understanding, the world’s leading student exchange organization. He is a former Board Member of the Wesley Medical Endowment Foundation and the Greater Wichita Community Foundation. In 1992, he was given the very highest recognition by The Wichita Chamber of Commerce, “The Uncommon Citizen” award, and in 1997 was inducted into the Wichita Business Hall of Fame. In 1999 Jack was included in *The National Registry of Who’s Who*<sup>TM</sup>. In January 2001 Jack received UCLA’s hotel industry Lifetime Achievement Award. In October, 2001 Jack was presented with the Distinguished Alumni Award from Michigan State University. In May 2005, he was honored with a Doctorate of Humane Letters from Sterling College, Kansas.

An active pilot and collector of World War II aircraft, DeBoer frequently flies the aircraft as Captain. He currently holds the 3 kilometer world speed record for jet aircraft under 18,000 pounds. In 1988, DeBoer and his wife, Marilyn, completed a four month around-the-world trip in his Gulfstream II. The itinerary followed the history of man for the past 7,000 years, and they studied the needs of the world. From this experience, they are now deeply involved in World Vision projects in Burma.

Jack and Marilyn have two grown children and two grandchildren.

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