

Barry Sternlicht

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Barry Sternlicht is Chairman Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, Inc., one of the world's leading hotel and leisure companies. Among its properties are the St. Regis, The Luxury Collection, Sheraton, Westin, Four Points and W brands, and Starwood Vacation Ownership, Inc. Sternlicht is renown as a dynamic and innovative hotel leader inspiring new products and programs with immediate global appeal. Less than four months after its launch, the Starwood Preferred Guest Program was rated the #1 loyalty program in the world. One of the youngest and most respected leaders in the hotel and leisure industry today, Sternlicht places equally strong emphasis on his humanitarian efforts. He chaired the NY Chapter Juvenile Diabetes Foundation's "Walk to Cure Diabetes," breaking all previous walk fundraising records. Sternlicht also made a five-year commitment dedicating 25,000 Starwood employees to "America's Promise," involving job shadowing, mentoring programs and community service. Sternlicht is the recipient of the Preston Robert Tisch Distinguished Industry Leadership Award from New York University School for Hospitality, Tourism & Travel Administration, among many other awards. Sternlicht earned his MBA at Harvard Business School.