

Thomas R. Magnuson currently serves as co-CEO of Magnuson Hotels, the world's largest independent hotel group.

In only seven years, Magnuson Hotels headquartered in Spokane, WA has become the fastest growing hotel chain in history as well as the world's largest independent hotel group, representing over 1000 hotels and a combined affiliate base with assets in excess of \$5 Billion. One of the top 10 global hotel chains, Magnuson Hotels was the #1 Hotel Company of Inc. Magazine's 2009 annual ranking of the 5,000 fastest growing privately owned U.S. companies. With a four-year reservation sales growth of 595%, Magnuson Hotels is listed in the top 100 U.S. business services companies.

Prior to Magnuson Hotels, Tom served on the Best Western International Executive Marketing Board of Directors, which was responsible for the oversight of the \$25 Million annual marketing budget and branding, sales, marketing and reservation functions of Best Western International- over 4000 hotels worldwide. In 2001 and 2002, Tom developed and launched a franchise system for NYSE listed WestCoast Hotels of Spokane, Washington. During this time, WestCoast purchased the Red Lion chain for \$50 Million from Hilton, and he was retained to oversee creation of combined brand segmentation to both franchisees as well as consumer markets.

Tom is a Graduate of the Harvard Business School with emphasis in competitive strategy and marketing; Pepperdine University School of Business MBA; Tufts University BA. Tom currently resides in Spokane WA, Rossland BC and Hope ID with his wife Melissa and youngest son Frankie.