

Christopher Ackerley

Christopher is a co-founder and Managing Director of Ackerley Partners, LLC, a private investment company with a primary focus on the media and entertainment sectors. Portfolio exits since inception have included the following: College Sports Television to CBS, Withoutabox to IMDb (an Amazon company), ScreenLife, LLC to Paramount and Sparq.it to Yahoo. Prior to co-founding Ackerley Partners in 2002, Chris was the President of The Ackerley Group, Inc. (NYSE: AK) where he oversaw the daily operations of the national media and entertainment company. He served in a variety of operational roles for the company for more than 15 years, and was also a member of the company's board of directors. In 2002, Mr. Ackerley successfully led the merger of The Ackerley Group, Inc. with Clear Channel Communications, Inc. (NYSE: CCU) and the prior year, he led the negotiations and completion of The Ackerley Group's sale of the NBA's Seattle SuperSonics and the WNBA's Seattle Storm to The Basketball Club of Seattle led by Starbucks Chairman and CEO – Howard Schultz. Chris began his career in the Capital Markets Group at Bank of America in London, England. He has and continues to serve as a director or advisor to a number of corporate boards including WashingtonTrust Bank, the Space Needle, Limeade, The Four Seasons Hotel & Residences – Seattle, Concure Oncology, Solius. He also serves on the Executive Committee for NHL Seattle which is bringing the NHL to Seattle in 2021. Chris has been involved with many civic and community organizations including the Pacific Science Center (Board Chair), the Downtown Seattle Association, Group Health Research Foundation and Lakeside School (Treasurer). He also serves on the National Board of Advisors for the Eller College of Management at The University of Arizona and is a Vice-President of their family foundation - The Ginger and Barry Ackerley Foundation. In 2001, Mr. Ackerley was recognized by the Puget Sound Business Journal as one of the region's most influential "40 Under 40" business leaders and in 2004, he was the recipient of the inaugural Outstanding Alumni Board Member Award by Seattle Works for his many contributions to the Seattle community. In 2007, he was inducted into the Hall of Honor for the Beta Phi Chapter of The Sigma Chi Fraternity at his alma mater – The University of Arizona and in 2013, Mr. Ackerley and his family were recognized at the AFP National Philanthropy Day as Outstanding Philanthropic Family for the State of Washington. Additionally, Mr. Ackerley and his family were the recipients of the 2017 Champion of Freedom Award by the Washington Policy Center for their longstanding commitment to free-market principles and philanthropy, which make our region a better place to live, do business and raise a family.