



PACE COOPER

Pace Cooper is President and CEO of Cooper Hotels, founded by his late father, Irby Cooper, in 1959. Cooper Hotels is a leading hospitality development and management company. The company currently owns and manages 20 hotels in five states including 15 Hilton Family of Brands hotels (six DoubleTrees, three Hiltons, two Homewood Suites by Hilton, two Hilton Garden Inns, one Hampton & Suites by Hilton and one Embassy Suites by Hilton).

Cooper Hotels owns the distinction of being the only company to own and operate all of the major franchised brands within the Hilton Family of Brands. The company was named 2010 Global Hotel Owner of the Year by the HotelWorld Network.

Unique acquisitions have included the purchase and restoration (and subsequent sale) of the famous Nashville landmark Hermitage Hotel, which is on the National Historic Register, and the purchase and historic retrofit of a downtown Atlanta office building to a Hampton Inn & Suites (which was also sold).

Mr. Cooper has served as president of various organizations on both local and international levels and is a long-term member and current chairman of the Multi-Franchise Owners Group. He is past president of the International Association of Holiday Inns. Mr. Cooper serves on a myriad of boards, and he served many years as president of the Margolin Hebrew Academy/Feinstone Yeshiva of the South.

In 2013, Mr. Cooper was named to the Memphis & Shelby County Airport Authority, serving as vice chairman. In May 2015, he was elected chairman. Mr. Cooper also serves on the University of Memphis Board of Visitors and the university's Foundation Board of Trustees.

He received his BA from Columbia College and a MBA from Harvard Business School. He is often interviewed and quoted in hospitality industry and business publications around the country and speaks at various hospitality conferences.

Mr. Cooper attended the first ever White House Conference on Tourism and Travel and served as chairman of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Mr. Cooper is married to Aileen, and they are the parents of six children, including two sets of twins.

For more information on Cooper Hotels, please visit www.cooperhotels.com.