

## ALBERT SALAMA

## BIOGRAPHY

**Albert Salama** is an international executive, entrepreneur, business owner and the proud winner of the prestigious Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year™ 2014 Award in the Excellence in Distribution and Manufacturing category in the New Jersey region and as a National Finalist. He also received the 2018 Ellis Island Medal of Honor. Albert is the Chief Executive Officer and Founder of Sabert Corporation, a \$ 1 billion international manufacturer of plastic, pulp & paper packaging used in the storage, packaging and serving of food. A seasoned business developer and business leader, Albert brings a broad array of skills and competencies to all of his endeavors. He has extensive experience in the fields of finance and banking, sales, manufacturing, engineering, supply chain, and new product development & commercialization. Albert's natural entrepreneurial spirit drives a clear strategic vision combining organic growth opportunities and acquisition to leverage market trends and unmet market needs.

Albert is the sole owner of Sabert Corporation. He founded the Company in 1983 with minimal capital and a product line consisting of 5 items. Today, Sabert enjoys a solid reputation as an innovative leading-edge company that delivers outstanding value and service to its large and diverse customer base. The company manufactures over 1000 skus that are sold in the business-to-business markets. The segments they serve include: restaurant chains, supermarkets, food processors, and foodservice distribution. Albert has also established a foothold in the recycling industry with a plastic recycling facility under the name of Nuvida Plastic Technology.

Sabert currently has around 3000 employees globally working primarily in 14 manufacturing facilities around the world. There are 10 plants in the U.S., one in Belgium, Poland, England and one in China. The company operates out of two regional headquarters (Nivelles, Belgium for Europe and Zhongshan, China for Asia) as well as the corporate headquarters in Sayreville, New Jersey.

Prior to creating Sabert, Albert worked for close to 10 years in the Commercial Banking Department of, at the time, the fourth largest Bank in North America. He demonstrated his keen financial savvy through a series of progressively responsible roles, ultimately serving as the Vice President overseeing the company's loan portfolio for Korea, Taiwan and China. He was stationed in Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Belgium during his tenure with the bank. His portfolio of projects spanned a broad range of business segments, from ship financing, correspondent banking to the public sector.

Over the last 18 years, he and his wife's commitment to education has provided over 50 graduating high schools students with a four year college scholarship. Additionally, they have been involved with the capital campaigns of St. Philips Academy in Newark, New Jersey, the Willow School and Gill St. Bernard's School, both in New Jersey. They also support the International Rescue Committee, Save the Children, PEN America, and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.

Albert holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Psychology (1973) and a Masters of Business Administration (1974) from the University of Rochester, N.Y. Raised internationally, Albert is fluent in French.

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