



Robert Barrett – Class of 1958 Businessman

Robert Barrett began his hospitality and tourism career in the United States Virgin Islands in the early 1960s. He spent the next 20 years learning all aspects of the industry and achieved substantial success in the fields of resort management and marketing.

In the Caribbean, Barrett's Elite Island Resorts represents quality Caribbean resort properties as well as his own popular hotels and island resorts. Robert purchased his first Caribbean hotel, Pineapple Beach Club, in Antigua, in 1986. He also owns and operates the St. James's Club Antigua, purchased in 2001, and the Galley Bay. In 1999 Barrett purchased a private island in the Grenadines called Palm Island. Barrett completely cleaned up the island, re-landscaped the resort, and constructed fantastic new rooms overlooking the beach and ocean. Palm Island has been named as one of the "Worlds Leading Private Islands" by many travel publications.

Since his push to provide quality facilities for travelers to Florida and the Caribbean, Robert's major marketing and hotel operations have also developed a commercial plaza and boutique hotel in Bouquete, Panama.

Barrett continues his active involvement in nearly all aspects of his group of companies. His management team membership reads like a Fortune 500 company, including top marketing and travel professionals, chartered accountants, in-house attorneys, and a world-class graphic arts department.

Robert is one who leads by example, and that has caused his business endeavors to flourish.