



# Michael Shannon

**University of Wisconsin Madison; Northwestern University**  
Board member since 2024

Mike Shannon is a private investor and former chairman, co-founder and chief executive officer of KSL Capital Partners, a private equity firm specializing in hospitality and leisure investments. During Mr. Shannon's tenure as chairman and CEO, KSL grew to become one of the largest private equity firms specializing in hospitality and consumer leisure investments.

Before co-founding KSL Capital Partners and its predecessor KSL Recreation in 1992, Mr. Shannon served as chairman and CEO of Vail Associates, the owner and operator of Vail and Beaver Creek Resorts from 1986 to 1992.

Mr. Shannon currently serves on the board as vice chair of Northwestern University and is the immediate past chair of the University of Wisconsin Foundation and the immediate past chair of Eisenhower Health. He is the former board chair of Vail Health and was instrumental in establishing its affiliate Eagle

Valley Behavioral Health and its research unit Behavioral Health Innovation Center, aimed at improving accessibility to quality mental health services in Eagle County. Mr. Shannon also serves as finance chair of the Steadman Philippon Research Foundation and is a board member of the Papal Foundation. He is a former director of ING Americas, Conseco, Club Corp, Startek, TCA Cable and Safeway. He is a member of the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans.

Mr. Shannon earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin Madison and a Master's in Management from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management.