



David G. Benton

Director, Hotel Operations

David G. Benton, one of the hospitality industry's most focused and innovative leaders, is Amerimar Realty Company's Director of Hotel Operations. In this role, David leverages his strong entrepreneurial and visionary skills to successfully plan and implement management programs for the company's hotel acquisitions.

An experienced hotelier, David has held various senior level positions within the hospitality industry over the last 30 years. From 1989 to 2012, David was the Vice President and General Manager of The Rittenhouse, an internationally recognized luxury hotel and condominium residence overlooking Rittenhouse Square in Philadelphia, PA.

Under David's management, The Rittenhouse, a member of The Leading Hotels of the World, received numerous awards from top travel and hospitality organizations and publications, including the prestigious AAA Five Diamond Award—which has been awarded to The Rittenhouse every year from 1991 to 2012—and the American Academy of Hospitality Sciences Five Star Diamond Award. In addition, The Rittenhouse is a Leading Green hotel, was voted one of the *Best Places to Stay in the World* by Conde Nast Traveler, was named the sixth best boutique hotel in North America by DEPARTURES Magazine and is on Travel & Leisure's T&L 500 list of the *World's Best Hotels* as well as their lists of *World's Best Business Hotels*, *America's Best Hotels* and *America's Best City Hotels*. In 2002, the Official Hotel Guide named The Rittenhouse—the only Philadelphia hotel included—to its worldwide list of 101 *Superior Deluxe Hotels* and the hotel's renowned restaurant Lacroix received Forbes Four Star Rating in 2011 and was named *Restaurant of the Year* in 2003 by Esquire Magazine.

Prior to his position at The Rittenhouse, David supported the Amerimar family of companies as the General Manager of Denver Place—a 335-suite hotel including 193 luxury apartments, 2.5 million square feet of office space, and 100,000 square feet of retail space in downtown Denver, CO—and also managed four hotels in Lancaster and Harrisburg, PA—Host Farm, Host Corral, Host Town and the Host Inn. Before that David was the Corporate Director of Food and Beverage for Fiesta Americana Hotels in Mexico City, Mexico.

In addition to his work, David is Vice President of the Philadelphia Art Alliance and has served as a board member of many prestigious organizations including the Philadelphia Convention & Visitors Bureau, the Greater Philadelphia Tourism Marketing Corporation, the Greater Philadelphia Hotel Association, The Restaurant School at Walnut Hill College, the International Visitors Council, the Arts & Business Council and the Boy Scouts Cradle of Liberty Council. Additionally, David was a Trustee of Elizabethtown College, where he will soon serve on the Trustee Council.

Born and raised in London, England, David is a graduate of the Cornell Hotel School of Administration.

