

Mark D. Ein

Mark D. Ein is the founder of Venturehouse Group, LLC, a technology holding company that creates, invests in and builds technology and telecommunications companies, and has served as its Chief Executive Officer since 1999. Through Leland Investment Co, his personal investment holding company, Mr. Ein is the Co-Chairman and Principal Shareholder of Kastle Systems, LLC, the country's leading provider of building and office security systems acquired in January, 2007. He is also the Chairman and CEO of Capitol Acquisition Corporation 3 (NASDAQ:CLAC), a public acquisition company that raised \$325 million in a November, 2015 IPO. He also currently serves as Chairman of Lindblad Expeditions (NASDAQ:LIND), a global leader in marine expedition travel and a private sector thought leader on climate change and conservation, that merged in July 2015 with Capitol Acquisition Corporation 2, where Mr. Ein was Chairman and CEO. From 2009 until 2015, Mr. Ein was the Vice Chairman and Co-Founder of Two Harbors Investment Corp (NYSE:TWO), one of the largest residential mortgage REITs that today has a market capitalization of approximately \$4.0 billion. Mr. Ein is also the Founder and Owner of the Washington Kastles World TeamTennis (WTT) franchise that has won the league championship five of its seven years since its founding and set the record for the longest winning streak in US pro team sports history winning 34 straight matches from 2011 through 2013. Over the course of his career, Mr. Ein has been a founder or early investor in six companies that have achieved a billion dollar or greater valuation. A native of the Washington area, he actively supports many community, charitable and cultural organizations and currently serves on the boards of the DC Public Education Fund (where he serves as Chairman), DC College Access Program, the Federal City Council, United States Tennis Association (USTA) and the International Tennis Hall of Fame. He has won numerous awards including Washington DC Business Leader of the Year (from the Chamber of Commerce), the Jefferson Award (the nation's highest honor for public service) and he has received the key to the city from the Mayor of Washington DC. Prior to starting his firm, Mr. Ein worked for The Carlyle Group, Brentwood Associates and Goldman Sachs. He received his BS in Economics with a concentration in finance from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and his MBA from The Harvard Business School.