

Allan Shaw

Chairman, The Shaw Group



In 1978, Allan Shaw and his colleague, Syd Acker, headed the process whereby the Company's senior managers purchased the business from the Shaw Family, creating the model of a successful owner-operated and managed business that continues today. The Company, L.E. Shaw Limited, became The Shaw Group in the 1990s. Allan served as CEO until 2005.

Allan was born in Halifax and earned his BSc from Dalhousie University and MBA with distinction from Harvard Business School. In 2001, he was named Atlantic Entrepreneur of the Year; in 2002 he was inducted into the Junior Achievement Nova Scotia Business Hall of Fame; in 2004 he was an honoree at the Public Policy Forums 17th Annual Testimonial Dinner in Toronto.

Allan is a Member of the Order of Canada and has received an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Dalhousie University. He is Chair, Dalhousie Medical Research Foundation; Member, Advisory Board, Dalhousie University Faculty of Management; past Chair, Board of Governors, Dalhousie University; past Director of Scotiabank; past Chair, Canadian Centre for Ethics in Public Affairs; past Member, Board of Trustees, Ernest C. Manning Awards Foundation, Calgary; past Chair, Canadian Policy Research Networks Inc., Ottawa; past Chair, Atlantic Provinces Economic Council; and past Chair, Nova Scotia Voluntary Planning.

Dean Robertson

President and CEO, The Shaw Group



Dean Robertson joined The Shaw Group in 1997 and became CEO in 2012. The company consists of the following divisions: Clayton Developments, Prestige Homes, Shaw Brick, Shaw Resources, Shaw Precast, Ven-Rez, and Shaw Living. His current focus is on leading the company's growth strategy and building a strong team for the future as The Shaw Group becomes more vertically integrated.

As General Manager of Shaw Wood, Dean grew the company to become one of IKEA's top- ranking producers in North America. Appointed General Manager of Prestige Homes in 2006, Dean restructured the business model, based on the new realities in the housing industry. This new structure, with emphasis on team building, has paid off in the positioning of Prestige for the future.

Dean is a graduate of Acadia University, with a Certificate in Applied Science, and the Technical University of Nova Scotia, with a Degree in Industrial Engineering. He attended Duke University's Advanced Management Program. He has served on various wood sector boards and Enterprise Fundy, a community economic development agency in New Brunswick.

Before joining The Shaw Group, Dean held managerial positions with McCain Foods and Lewis Mouldings.