



Paul Breslin

An industry leader for more than 20 years, Breslin has recently launched Panther Hospitality Holdings, LLC and has spent the past five years as Managing Director for the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel, leading the transformation of this 80 million dollar asset from an operating loss of 4 million in 2000 to an expected net income of 9 million dollars in 2006.



Prior to Sheraton, Breslin led the Omni team as General Manager with record gains in market share, revenue and net profit. In Breslin's last year at Omni Hotels, the company received national recognition for excellence by JD Powers, awarded the highest satisfaction for Upper Upscale Hotels. While operating the Omni Hotel at CNN and overseeing its 7 million dollar renovation, Breslin led the team that developed the vision, the feasibility study and plans to expand the Omni from 457 rooms to a AAA Four-Diamond 1,000 room world-class convention hotel. The expansion and development project, well over 100 million dollars, produced superior results for partners Time Warner, Inc and Omni Hotels.

Prior to Omni, Breslin led the daily operations at the Atlanta Hilton Hotel, a 200 million dollar, 1,200 room convention hotel. Under Breslin's leadership the award-winning team developed strategies that achieved record growth in market share and revenue gains while being selected for the Most Improved Hilton in Quality Service in 2000.

Breslin has been trained by respected industry leaders in some of the most challenging hotels and resorts, such as the world-famous Fontainebleau Hilton Resort and Spa, 1226 luxury resort in Miami Beach, FL, the AAA Four-Diamond Sheraton San Diego Resort and Sheraton New Orleans.

Education and passion

Driven with a passion to serve, Breslin's career started in 1979 as a dishwasher in Lake Placid NY at the opening of the Hilton for the Olympic Games while he earned his degree from Paul Smiths College. He went on to earn a second degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management from Florida International University. After successfully developing his foundation, he embarked on a journey that has brought him through ten hotels in nine cities and a path of continuous learning. He continued his education and

was awarded the highest level of certification from the American Hotel and Lodging Association as a CHA Certified Hotel Administrator. Breslin has shared his knowledge as an adjunct professor at Miami Dade Community College and at Florida International University and remains active in the FIU and Paul Smith Alumni.

Community and dedication to serve

Breslin believes in giving back to the communities in which he works and resides. He has served in the role of Chairman or that of an active officer on boards such as The Atlanta's INN for Children, Dunwoody Community Church building and expansion, Metro Chamber of Commerce Board of Advisors, Atlanta Sports Council, Downtown Improvement District, Atlanta Convention & Visitors Bureau, and Florida International Alumni Association.

Industry affiliations and leadership roles

With a career founded on solid principles and values, Breslin has applied his effective leadership to high-profile industry organizations. He has served as past Chairman of the Board for: Georgia Hotel and Lodging; Georgia Hospitality and Travel Association; and the Atlanta Hotel Council.

Awards and recognition

Breslin is a passionate leader in the industry and has been recognized with several achievements and industry awards. Among them are "Most influential Atlantans" by the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*, 2002, 2003, and 2004; Pinnacle Award, Inner Circle Award, Gold Key Award, *Georgia Trend* Magazine's "Most influential Georgians," 2004 most notable, 2003 Silver Plume Award as General Manager of the Year, Hospitality Who's Who Award in 1999 – 2005 by the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*, to name a few.