

Jerome W. Gottesman

Chairman, Edison Properties

Jerry Gottesman has been involved in real estate operations and development in urban locations for more than 56 years. Starting with one parking lot in Newark in 1956, he is now a recognized leader in specialized segments of real estate including parking, mini-storage, office space, residential development and land entitlement.

A few highlights of his 56-year career at Edison include:

- Founded Edison Parking (now Edison ParkFast) in 1956, with his late brother Harold, with one surface lot in Newark, New Jersey. The company now operates 37 locations on property which it owns.
- In 1978, purchased the Hippodrome Building, 1120 Avenue of the Americas, New York City, a 650,000 square foot office building which includes the 650 space Hippodrome garage.
- In 1978, founded Manhattan Mini Storage, Manhattan's first self-storage business, which now owns and operates 17 buildings comprising 2,500,000 square feet and 50,000 rooms.
- In 2007, completed construction of The Ludlow, a 23-story, 243-unit rental apartment building at Ludlow Street and East Houston Street on land Edison owned and operated as a parking lot.

Edison has grown steadily and conservatively since its founding and now owns over 3 million square feet of buildings in Manhattan and several million square feet of land in Manhattan, Newark, Jersey City and other major cities.

Edison is a family-owned business with second generation members leading management.

Jerry graduated from Hillside (NJ) High School and earned a BS degree from the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, in 1952. He served as a First Lieutenant in the US Air Force. He is married to Paula Rachlin Gottesman, a graduate of Vassar College in 1956 and NYU Law School in 1959. They live in Morristown, NJ. They have four daughters and 16 grandchildren.

Jerry is a Board member of the Newark Museum, the Regional Plan Association, the NYU Rudin Center for Transportation Policy & Management and the NYU Schack Institute of Real Estate.