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Hoyt Davidson



Mr. Hoyt Davidson is the founder and Managing Partner of Near Earth LLC. His investment banking career began in 1987 as an associate and one of roughly 100 bankers at Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette. He was part of the phenomenal growth and success of DLJ to over 1,200 bankers by the time of its acquisition by Credit Suisse First Boston in 2000. At DLJ, Hoyt Davidson was a co-founder and one of two Managing Directors of the firm's Space Finance Group, Wall Street's first dedicated industry coverage group for the satellite industry. This group raised over \$25 billion for satellite related entities and held a number one market share for several years.

Prior to investment banking, Hoyt Davidson was a Senior Research Engineer in the Space Systems Division of Lockheed Missiles and Space Company. At LMSC, Mr. Davidson focused on systems engineering, bids and proposals to win government contracts, and acted as a team leader and subcontract manager on a major advanced program where he held a TS/SCI clearance. He left Lockheed to get his MBA at MIT's Sloan School of Management. Mr. Davidson also earned his undergraduate degree in Physics from MIT.

Education:

- MIT Sloan School of Management, S.M. (Science Masters-MBA) 1987
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology, S.B. (Science Bachelors) Physics 1979

Industry Experience:

- Near Earth, LLC 2002 – 2023
- CSFB 2000 – 2002
- DLJ 1987 – 2000
- Lockheed Missiles & Space Company 1979 – 1985

Board Memberships and Nonprofits:

Mr. Davidson currently serves on the Advisory Boards of Lynk Global, Cislunar Industries, Nexteon Technologies, and Mundi Primum, and was on the Board of Directors of Nanoracks (XO Markets Holdings) prior to its acquisition. In addition to his corporate activities, Mr. Davidson is also a member of the Board of the Space Foundation, where he serves on the Finance Committee and was the Treasurer from 2017-2021. He is also the current Executive Vice President of the National Space Society where he oversees space policy, international activities and technical roadmap generation, and an Advisory Board member of Beyond Earth

- **Space Foundation** (Board member, Finance Committee, former Treasurer)
- **National Space Society** (Executive Vice President, Chair of the Investment Committee, former Board member)
- **Lynk Global** (Advisory Board member)
- **Nexteon Technologies** (Advisory Board member)
- **Cislunar Industries** (Advisory Board member)
- Past member of the **NASA Commercial Space Committee of the NASA Advisory Council**
- Past member of **Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems**
- Past member of the **Aeronautical Space & Engineering Board of The National Academies**

Highlights:

- Over three decades of investment banking experience, including 15 years at DLJ and CSFB
- Raised over \$15 billion for clients
- Involved in numerous successful M&A assignments
- Won DLJ “Big Dog” award for largest M&A deal of the year
- Co-founded DLJ’s Space Finance Group

- Frequent speaker at satellite industry conferences, testified before the U.S. Senate on satellite industry matters
- Senior Research Engineer in the Space Systems Division of Lockheed (1979-1985) exploiting advanced technologies for space (top secret clearance)
- Awarded Henry B. DuPont III Scholarship for academic excellence by MIT Sloan School of Management (only 5 such scholarships awarded to each class)

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