

Lars Jonsson
Founder and Chief Executive Officer
Stellar Holdings



As founder, Chairman and CEO, Lars is responsible for the overall strategic direction of Stellar Holdings. An international traveler, investor and businessman, Lars has been involved in high-level transactions in most parts of the world throughout his career.

Since forming Stellar in 1989, Lars has built the organization into a successful real estate investment and development company by identifying niche opportunities in underserved areas. His focus and experience in international markets led him to identify Sweden and Central Europe as promising long term investment markets for Stellar. As a result, Stellar has established a thriving multi-family development firm in Sweden and a successful mixed-use development firm in Poland.

With a strong commitment to sustainable practices, Lars is bringing a European focus on design and sustainability to Seattle's Northgate neighborhood. Thornton Place, a five-acre mixed-use transit-oriented development that includes residential, retail and entertainment components, will be one of the country's first LEED-certified neighborhoods.

Before moving to the U.S., Lars was CEO of NICO International, a Swedish-based engineering and marine service company with worldwide operations. NICO was part of the Axel Johnson Conglomerate, the largest privately held company in Sweden. Before heading up NICO, he was vice president and head of the transportation division of Nynäs Petroleum, one of Sweden's major oil companies, which also was part of the Axel Johnson Group.

Lars also serves on the board of many not-for-profit organizations and established the Jonsson Family Foundation in 2005 to support scholarly exchanges between the University of Washington and Linköping University in Sweden. In 2006, Jonsson was appointed by the Swedish Government to serve as the Honorary Swedish Consul for the state of Washington.