
Andrew C. Taylor
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Enterprise Holdings

Andy Taylor, who became involved in the automotive business more than 40 years ago, took on the role of Chief Executive Officer of Enterprise Rent-A-Car in 1991, and was named Chairman in 2001. Enterprise was founded in St. Louis in 1957 by his father Jack Taylor. Under Taylor's leadership, the company, now called Enterprise Holdings, has grown to become the largest rental car company in North America. The Taylor family acquired the National Car Rental and Alamo Rent A Car brands in 2007, bringing its network of locations to more than 7,600 worldwide.

Taylor began his career with Enterprise Rent-A-Car at the age of 16 in one of the original St. Louis offices, where he washed cars during summer and holiday vacations and learned the business from the ground up. He continued his education at the University of Denver, receiving a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in 1970. Following graduation, he opted to gain some initial experience outside of the family business and began working for RLM Leasing, a Ford Motor company affiliate in San Francisco. After three years at the company, Taylor returned to the St. Louis area to work for Enterprise Rent-A-Car.

In 1976, he became the General Manager of Enterprise Rent-A-Car's St. Louis regional operations. In 1980, Taylor was named President and Chief Operating Officer of Enterprise Rent-A-Car. When Taylor joined the company, it had a fleet of 5,000 cars. Currently, Enterprise Holdings has a fleet of more than one million vehicles and 68,000 employees.

In 2009, Taylor was inducted into the U.S. Travel Hall of Leaders for his leadership role in challenging excise taxes that single out rental car customers to fund unrelated projects and programs in local communities. He is one of 81 travel industry professionals who have been inducted into the Travel Hall of Leaders since its inception in 1969.

Outside of his professional duties with Enterprise Holdings, Taylor plays an active role in the community. He is a member of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors of the United Way of Greater St. Louis; past President of Civic Progress, an organization of leading chief executives in St. Louis who work for improvements on a wide range of civic issues; Trustee of the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra; Trustee of Washington University in St. Louis; Trustee for the Naval Aviation History Foundation; Life Trustee of the Missouri Botanical Garden, the oldest botanical garden in the U.S. and among the top three worldwide; and Director of Commerce Bancshares.