

EFSTATHIOS VALIOTIS

Efstathios “Steve” Valiotis is a prominent Greek-American entrepreneur, real estate mogul, bank founder, and philanthropist whose career spans real estate development, construction, manufacturing, and community banking. He is the founder of Alma Realty Corp. and Alma Bank and the initial founder of Marathon Bank. Born in 1946 in Vordonia, near Sparta, Greece, Mr. Valiotis earned a degree in theology from the University of Athens before immigrating to the United States in 1972. After beginning his career as a dishwasher in the restaurant industry, he quickly demonstrated the entrepreneurial drive that would define his professional life, acquiring his first newsstand and food market in 1974 before expanding into the restaurant business. In 1976, he founded Knossos Inc., a custom furniture company that grew to include manufacturing facilities in Queens and prominent retail showrooms on Park Avenue and Sixth Avenue in Manhattan. He later founded Alma Realty Corp. in 1983 and Vordonia Construction Corporation in 1988, establishing an integrated real estate platform with a multibillion-dollar portfolio of residential and commercial properties across New York and New Jersey.



Mr. Valiotis has remained deeply committed to his Greek heritage, the Greek Orthodox Church, education, and philanthropy throughout his career. In 2018, he received an Honorary Doctor of Humanities degree from Hellenic College Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in recognition of his leadership and charitable contributions, and in 2026, he received an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Peloponnese. His philanthropic initiatives include supporting the development of a technical college in Sparta, Greece, and establishing the Efstathios and Stamatiki Valiotis Greek American School in Whitestone, New York. He was one of the major benefactors of the Holy Cross Greek Church in Whitestone when the church expanded and built a new church. Mr. and Mrs. Valiotis have also generously donated to the development of the new St. Michael's Home. Mr. Valiotis is a generous supporter of education and community events and supports causes for the preservation of the Greek language and culture in America. Together with his wife, Stamatiki, and their three children, Sophia, Katerina, and George, Mr. Valiotis continues to advance a family legacy defined by entrepreneurship, philanthropy, community investment, faith, education, and service.

PAUL KALAMARAS



Paul Kalamaras is a Greek American business and financial services executive and currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Alma Bank. After earning a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance from the University of Notre Dame, he held executive leadership positions in commercial banking across multiple lines of business and, most recently, was Senior Executive Vice President at Investors Bank, where he served as Chief Retail and Chief Risk Officer of the company, Investors Bank. Before joining Investors, Paul served in a number of executive leadership positions at several regional and community banking organizations. He was also President and Chief Executive Officer of The Barré Company, a precision fabricator to the telecommunications and electronics industries.

In addition to his corporate leadership, Mr. Kalamaras has demonstrated a longstanding commitment to philanthropy, education, and civic engagement, with a particular focus on the Greek American and New Jersey communities. He currently serves as Treasurer of the Board of Trustees and Chairman of the Finance Committee of Hellenic College Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the AHEPA District 5 Cancer Foundation, and a member of the Board of COSMOS FM Hellenic Public Radio. His community service has also included board leadership on the Executive Committee of the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Directors of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northern New Jersey, and the Board of the New Jersey region of the American Red Cross. Paul and his wife, Peggy, are residents of Mantoloking, NJ. Their daughters, Victoria and Nicole, reside in Manhattan.