



Robert Almeida, B.Comm., CA

Senior Vice President and Portfolio Manager

Robert Almeida brings a strong business management perspective to the Portfolio Management Team.

Portland Investment Counsel believes strongly that “Understanding” is the key to successful investing and that, as Mr. Buffett states, “I am a better Investor because I’m a Business Person and a better Business Person because I’m an Investor.”

Robert has over 25 years experience, both as an Investor and as a Business Executive. Some specific business experiences that he brings to his role as a portfolio manager are:

- Chartered Accountant with Ernst & Young
- Strategic Development Executive at Loblaw in the 1990’s
- Founding President of President’s Choice Financial
- Executive on CIBC’s US retail expansion team
- Founding Chairman of Amicus Bank of Canada
- Led founding investment in Columbus International Inc., which has become the leading cable/telecom provider in the Caribbean and serves 21 countries
- Director of National Commercial Bank Jamaica Limited, the largest bank in Jamaica
- Experience as a Director of Kingston Wharves Limited, one of two operators at the busy port of Kingston Jamaica. This port has more volume than any port on the eastern sea-board of the United States, with volumes comparable to Panama.

Robert is also a founding Partner of Portland Private Equity and a Managing Partner of the AIC Caribbean Fund and Portland Caribbean Fund II, private equity funds with capital commitments from institutional investors in Europe, United States, Canada and the Caribbean.

He joined Portland Investment Counsel and affiliates in 2002 and was a co-manager of the Manulife Advantage Funds until June 2012. As a manager of public and private equity portfolio investments, Robert continues to practice as both, an Investor and a Business Person.

In addition to his CA designation, he also earned a Bachelor of Commerce degree with High Distinction from the University of Toronto.