



## **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 30 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 an investor in and a Director in several private companies.

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. 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.