

Adrian Gardiner

Chairman Mantis Collection

Short profile

Founder and owner of the Mantis Collection which is a family run collection of privately owned, five star Boutique Hotels and Eco Escapes properties located around the World. Adrian was educated in Zimbabwe and then at the University of Cape Town where he completed a Bachelor of Commerce Degree. His entrepreneurial career began in 1974 and for nearly 40 years he has shown commercial flair in building businesses spanning swimming pool construction and specialist plant hire to commercial retirement and health care centres. One of his major contributions to conservation was the creation of the internationally famous and award winning Shamwari Game Reserve in the Eastern Cape in the early 1990's.

Positions Held

- Chairman of the Mantis Group
- Chairman of the Wilderness Foundation Global
- Chairman of Stenden University, South Africa

Personal Awards

- Terra Nova Award Conservation Award 2001
- Prestige award from Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University 2002
- SATSA (South Africa Tourism Services Association) 2004
Recognition of the Development of Alicedale - an idea born of leadership, for sustainable development with integrity in the Tourism Industry
- The Herald Citizen of the year Award in the Environmental Conservation category 2005
- South Africa's Tourism Investment Award 2007
- CHN University Netherlands 2007
Degree Master in International Service Management (Honoris Causa)
- South African National Parks - Chief Executive Award 2007
- SAB Environmentalist of the year award 2008 (Nick Steele Memorial Award)
- Tourism Business Leadership Award 2009
African Hospitality Investment Award