



Robert Sarver

RCD Mallorca owner

Robert Sarver is the managing partner of the original Arizona sports franchise.

Robert Sarver attended his first game of the Phoenix Suns when he was only 8 years old. Thirty-five years later in 2004, Sarver became the majority owner of one of the reference franchises of the NBA, consolidating a group of investors who bought the Suns, the Phoenix Mercury of the WNBA women's league and the nominative and operative rights of the US Airways Center, since that year already called Talking Stick Resort Arena. In 2016, the Suns bought their NBA affiliate DLeague (Development League) and relocated it to Prescott to operate like the Northern Arizona Suns.

In the 12 years under Sarver, the Suns have enjoyed unprecedented success on the court. The Phoenix are the 6th best record in the NBA since the 2004-05 season (540 wins-428 losses, with an average of victories of 55.8%). His term includes three qualifications for the Western Conference Finals and two of the three records of more than 60 victories in a season in the history of the Suns, a 48-year-old basketball club.

Sarver's passion for winning extends beyond men's sport. Her commitment to the women's league, the WNBA, in Phoenix, the Mercury women's team has resulted in the proclamation as champions of three leagues in the years 2007, 2009 and 2014, with a team that set the record of winning in 29 matches in one same season. As usual contenders for the title, the Mercury have qualified no less than eight times for the semifinals of the league in the last 10 seasons. During the last 12 seasons, until 2016, the Mercury girls have achieved a record that is more than remarkable with 221 victories for 187 defeats, which makes them the third best team in the WNBA in terms of victories.

Guided by their sporting mission, the Suns and Mercury are pioneering organizations in business innovation and reach out to their surrounding communities in an active way.

Sarver is also a member of the NBA Governing Council, the Finance Committee and also the Committee of Auditors and Compensation.

Sarver is the President and CEO of the Western Alliance Bancorporation, which brings together more than \$ 16 billion in assets in his name. Western Alliance is the largest institution with headquarters in Arizona. Sarver, on the other hand, is also co-founder of Southwest Value Partners, a real estate fund more than 25 years old.

In 2016, the Greater Phoenix Economic Council awarded Sarver with the Service Award for its economic leadership and philanthropy and for its contributions to the Phoenix area for its development. Under the leadership of Sarver, the Suns and Phoenix Suns Foundations have allocated more than \$ 17 million in donations to local NGOs. Most notably, Sarver has created a program called 'SunsCentral' through which the club adopted an institute in the center of the city and has greatly improved the ratio of students who finish their studies and graduate.

Robert Sarver helped build the Sarver Heart Center at the University of Arizona in memory of his late father, one of the first to undergo heart bypass surgery. The center is made up of more than 150 physicists and scientists who aim to prevent and cure cardiovascular diseases through the three basic pillars of research, education and patient care. Doctors at the center have been pioneers in the development of the SynCardia artificial heart model. SynCardia is an award-winning project that has become the first and only model to receive approval from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for patients awaiting a transplant who are at risk of cardiac arrest.

The Sarvers were instrumental in helping to build a children's museum in Phoenix, located in the center of the city. A donation of one million dollars was granted by Penny and Robert Sarver for this foundation so that their installations of more than 20,000 square meters were completed.

Sarver is even a member of the board of directors of the Weil Foundation, established by Dr. Andrew Weil, an authoritative voice in the field of integrative medicine worldwide. Sarver completed the 1979 Sabino Institute in Tucson and in 1982 he graduated from the University of Arizona. Sarver thus obtained his diploma in Business Administration and obtained the certificate of public accounting in 1983.