

# WALKER & DUNLOP

## Willy Walker Bios

### Short Bio

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### Long Bio

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Mr. Walker received the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year award in 2011 and was named "Financier of the Year" in 2017 and 2020 by Commercial Property Executive.

Mr. Walker received his master's degree in business administration from Harvard University and a bachelor's degree from St. Lawrence University. He serves on the board of the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Foundation and Harvard Business School Board of Deans Advisors and previously served on the boards of St. Albans School, the Mortgage Bankers Association, and Children's National Medical Center. Mr. Walker is also a member of the Real Estate Roundtable. Mr. Walker is an avid runner, skier, and cyclist, and has run the Boston Marathon in 2:36.