



DAVID GOW

CEO, Center for Houston's Future

Biography

David Gow is the CEO of the Center for Houston's Future (CHF), a local think tank that addresses the long-term well-being of the greater Houston region. Gow joined CHF, which celebrated its 25-year anniversary in 2025, in the fall of 2024, and has recently launched a new, large-scale initiative to position Houston/Galveston as the global leader in brain health.

Gow is also the founder and chair of Gow Media, a multiplatform media company, with assets that include ESPN Radio in Houston, CultureMap, InnovationMap, SportsMap and Energycapitalhtx.com.

He also serves as chair of Multi-Sensor Artificial Intelligence ("MSAI"), a publicly traded company he formed through a SPAC acquisition. Gow is a board member of Goose Capital, a prestigious Houston-based angel group that invests in early-stage ventures. In April, 2024 the Texas Venture forum named Gow the Texas Investor of the Year, highlighting Gow's successful SPAC merger and his investments as part of Goose Capital.

Previously Gow was the CFO and ultimately CEO of Ashford.com, a leading e-tailer of watches. Gow's background also includes serving as Director of Corporate Strategy at Compaq Computers and as a consultant for McKinsey & Co.

Gow's educational background includes a master's degree from Harvard University and a bachelor's degree from Williams College.