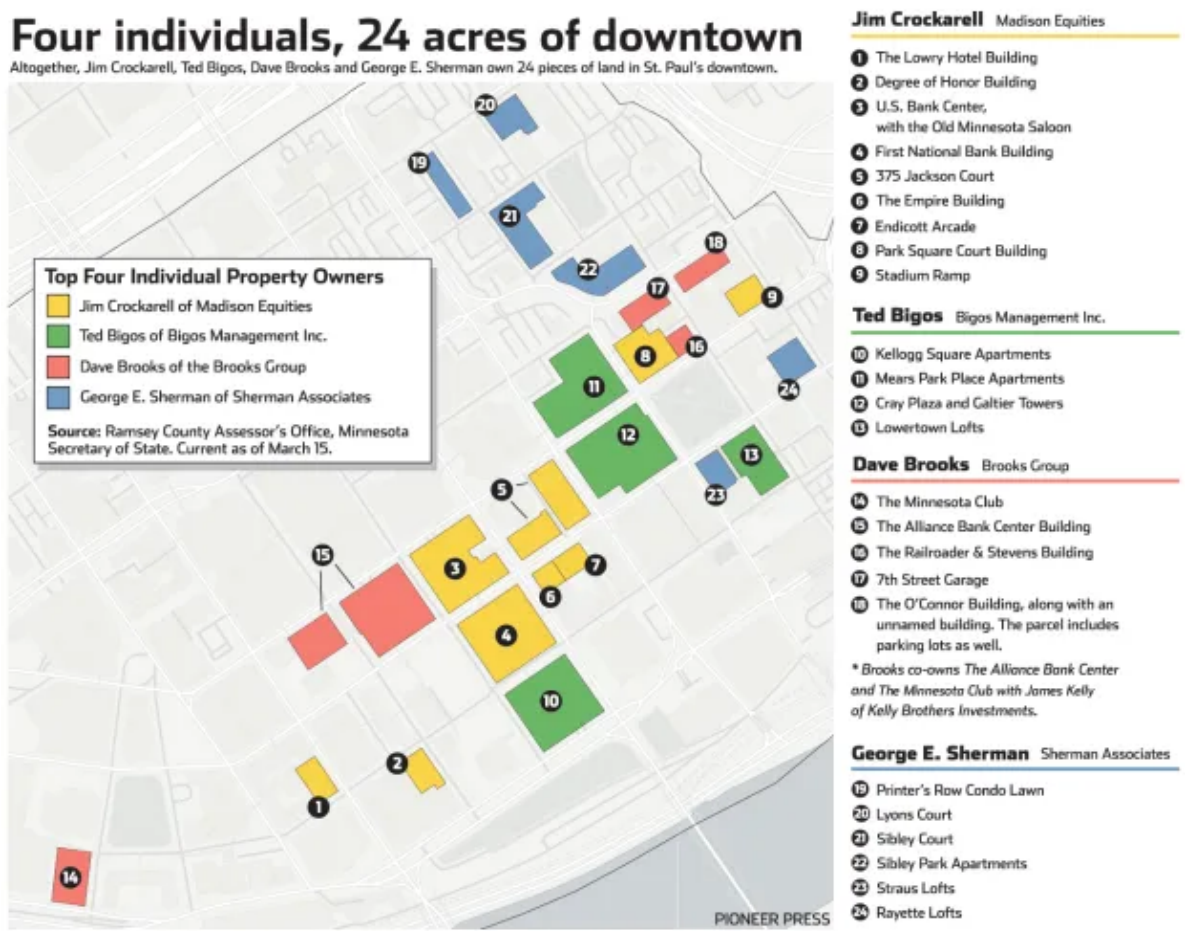


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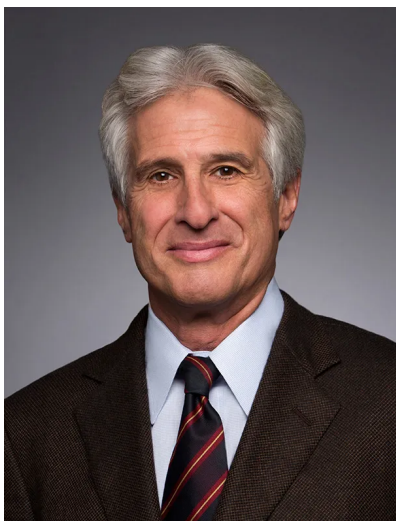
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[Who owns what in downtown St. Paul? Explore this interactive map](#)

Four private individuals, in some cases with the help of partners, own a significant swath of St. Paul’s downtown skyline. Here is a brief introduction to those four men.

TED BIGOS, Bigos Management Inc.



Undated courtesy photo Ted Bigos, of Wayzata, the owner of Bigos Management in Golden Valley. His company owns and operates apartment buildings throughout the Twin Cities. In downtown St. Paul he owns Galtier Towers, the Lowertown Lofts, Kellogg Square and Mears Park Place. Photo courtesy of Ted Bigos.

Owens **7.52 acres** of downtown land:

- Kellogg Square Apartments
- Mears Park Place Apartments
- Cray Plaza and Galtier Towers
- Lowertown Lofts

Business headquarters: Golden Valley

Personal headquarters: Wayzata resident, Minneapolis native

On St. Paul: “What we have seen in St. Paul that we haven’t seen for many years is new apartment construction ... In all the years I have been in St. Paul, it’s never felt as good as it feels today.”

[Read more about him, his work and his vision for St. Paul](#)

DAVE BROOKS, Brooks group



Undated courtesy photo, circa Jan. 2016, of Dave Brooks. Brooks, 76, is one of the top private property owners in downtown St. Paul. Photo courtesy of Dave Brooks.

Owns **4.6 acres** of downtown land:

- Minnesota Club*
- The Alliance Bank Center Building*
- 7th Street Garage
- The Railroader & Stevens Building
- The O'Connor Building + a parcel that includes an unnamed building and parking lots

**Brooks co-owns the Minnesota Club and the Alliance Bank Center with James Kelly of Kelly Brothers Investments.*

Business headquarters: St. Paul

Personal headquarters: White Bear Lake resident, St. Paul native

On St. Paul: “We are not Minneapolis, we never will be. We will never be New York or Chicago. ... Everyone loves to live in St. Paul. It’s quaint. It’s beautiful. It’s historic. You don’t have that big hustle.”

[Read more about him, his work and his vision for St. Paul](#)

JAMES CROCKARELL, Madison Equities



Undated photo of James Crockarell, of North Oaks, who is the largest private downtown St. Paul building owner, according to county records. (Photo courtesy of Madison Equities)

Owns **8.13 acres** of downtown land:

- The Lowry Hotel Building
- Degree of Honor Building
- U.S. Bank Center,
with the Old Minnesota Saloon
- First National Bank Building
- 375 Jackson Court
- The Empire Building
- Endicott Arcade
- Park Square Court Building
- Stadium Ramp

Business headquarters: St. Paul

Personal headquarters: North Oaks resident, Tennessee native

On St. Paul: “I think the biggest motor driving the prosperity of St. Paul is housing. ... It feels like a small-town environment to people living here. The river promotes that, the historic buildings and lofts.”

[Read more about him, his work and his vision for St. Paul](#)

GEORGE SHERMAN, Sherman Associates



*Undated photo of George Sherman, of Edina, who is one of the top four private landowners of buildings in downtown St. Paul. Sherman has been focusing on residential properties in downtown St. Paul for decades.
(Courtesy of Sherman Associates)*

Owns **3.88 acres** of downtown land:

- Printer's Row Condo Lawn
- Lyons Court
- Sibley Court
- Sibley Park Apartments

- Straus Lofts
- Rayette Lofts

Business headquarters: Minneapolis

Personal headquarters: Edina resident, Twin Cities native

On St. Paul: “St. Paul spends a lot more concentrated effort on design, fitting in their master plan. ... In Minneapolis, a lot of the fabric is new, a lot of things are torn down.”

[Read more about him, his work and his vision for St. Paul](#)