



Gary Barber

Born: In 1957 in Johannesburg, South Africa

Residence: Los Angeles, California

Family: Three daughters

Education: Earned a B.S. in accounting at Witwatersand University in South Africa while on a soccer scholarship.

Business: He was the chairman and CEO of MGM Studios in Hollywood for eight years until March 2018.

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- Worked as a chartered accountant in South Africa and as a certified public accountant in the United States before moving into the film industry. He came to the United States in 1982, following his brother, Cecil, who came in 1979.
 - Co-founder, along with Roger Birnbaum, and CEO of Spyglass Entertainment, which has produced such motion pictures as “Seabiscuit,” “Memoirs of a Geisha,” “The Insider,” and “The Sixth Sense.” The original Spyglass shuttered when its co-founders went to work at MGM in 2010. He has been the executive producer of more than 50 movies. Together with Lantern Entertainment, he relaunched Spyglass Media Group in early 2019 as a content distribution company.
 - Has been a major player in Southern California over the years, racking up impressive victories with The Deputy, winner of 2000 Santa Anita Derby (G1), as a partner with Team Valor; Gitano Hernando, Red Arrow, Reine de Romance and \$50,000 claim, Cost of Freedom, who was a graded stakes winner on his way to becoming a third-place finisher in the 2009 Sprint.
 - His stable has an international flavor as well as being prominent in North America, scoring big wins in France, Ireland, Australia and his homeland, South Africa. He has owned a number of horses in partnership with Team Valor International, Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Altamira Racing, Kevin Tsujihara and trainer Jerry Hollendorfer.
 - Among his outstanding runners: Wonder Gadot, multiple graded stakes winner and 2018 Sovereign Award Horse of the Year/Champion 3-year-old Filly; Lexie Lou, multiple graded stakes winner and four-time Sovereign Award winner including 2014 Horse of the Year; In Lingerie, a winner of the Grade 1 Spinster, Grade 2 Black-Eyed Susan and Grade 3 Bourbonnette; Sisterly Love, graded stakes winner in Canada and Comma to The Top, a multiple graded-stakes winner in Southern California.
 - After numerous tries, Barber captured his first Breeders’ Cup victory when Catch A Glimpse, whom he owned in a partnership, won the Juvenile Fillies Turf (G1) in 2015 at Keeneland Race Course. Catch A Glimpse was a three-time Sovereign Award winner, including 2015 Horse of the Year.

- With Adam Wachtel and WinStar Farm, he won his second Breeders' Cup race with Tourist in in 2016 Mile (G1).
- Barber's War of Will gave him his first Preakness victory in 2019 – an especially emotional win after the colt got a piece of the rough action in the early stretch of the Kentucky Derby. War of Will previously finished fifth in the Juvenile Turf (G1) in 2018.
- Barber also races Channel Maker, in partnersip with Wachtel, R.A. Hill and Reeves Thoroughbred Racing. The 5-year-old Bill Mott trainee won the Man o' War (G1) earlier this year. He finished eleventh in the Turf last year. His lifetime credits also include the Joe Hirsch Turf Classic (G1) and Bowling Green (G2).