Brad Tilden serves as chairman and chief executive officer of Alaska Air Group, the parent company of Alaska Airlines, Horizon Air and Virgin America. The combined airlines have 18,800 employees, 285 aircraft and fly to 118 destinations throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, Costa Rica and Cuba.

Under the leadership of Tilden and his team, Alaska is focusing on low fares, profitable growth of the route network, and on becoming the easiest airline to fly. Alaska has earned recognition for ranking highest in customer satisfaction among traditional North American carriers by J.D. Power for nine consecutive years. The airline also ranked No. 1 in on-time performance for seven consecutive years by FlightStats.com and received the Wall Street Journal’s #1 ranking four years in a row. The airline has been lauded for its philanthropy, community service and environmental stewardship. In addition to these achievements, Alaska Air Group is a Fortune 500 Company and consistently ranks among the nation’s most profitable airlines.

Tilden is a 25-year veteran of Alaska Air Group. He has previously served as president, executive vice president of finance and planning, chief financial officer, and corporate controller. Before joining Alaska, he spent eight years with accounting firm Price Waterhouse. He earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Pacific Lutheran University and an executive master’s degree in business administration from the University of Washington.

Tilden has been ranked among the Top 50 Corporate Leaders in America by Fortune magazine, named Executive of the Year by the Puget Sound Business Journal and honored by the Boy Scouts of America as a Distinguished Eagle Scout.

Tilden serves on the boards of the Washington Roundtable, the Boy Scouts of America and Nordstrom. Additionally, he chairs the board of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce.

A Seattle native, Tilden grew up a few miles from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, where he developed an early love of aviation. He holds a commercial pilot’s license and enjoys cycling and outdoor time with his family in the Pacific Northwest.