

Torrence Harder has been investing in entrepreneurial companies for over forty years. After three years at Mercersburg Academy, Harder attended Cornell University receiving a BA with Honors in the Philosophy of Economic Thought in 1965. Immediately after graduation, Harder stood in formation with the Combat Platoon Leader's School, Fort Benning, Georgia followed by training at the Army Intelligence School, Fort Holabird, Maryland. Harder then served as Supply Officer, Unilateral Intelligence Battalion, Republic of South Vietnam earning the Army Commendation Medal and being honorably discharged with the rank of Captain. Harder then attended the Wharton School of Finance receiving an MBA with Finance Honors in 1969. Harder began his working career with Blyth & Company, 14 Wall Street, New York City at a time when Blyth was the largest over-the-counter market maker, second largest municipal bond dealer and third largest underwriter in the United States. In 1972, Harder left Blyth eventually founding Harder Management Company, Inc. to help individuals and small businesses invest in young, growing companies along Route 128 surrounding the Boston area. For ten years beginning in 1982, Harder read English Literature auditing night courses at Harvard University's Extension School. In 1983, Harder's investment focus became more entrepreneurial by starting and venturing investments with increasing management influence and control. To date sixteen companies have been started or ventured, see Entrepreneurship.