

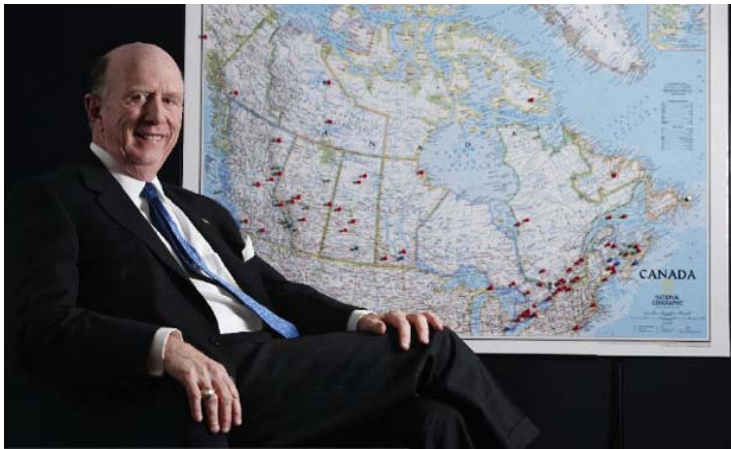
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David Wilkins appointed to Porter Airlines board

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Porter Airlines announced the appointment of David Wilkins, who served as U.S. ambassador to Canada under George W. Bush, to its board of directors Wednesday.

"We are privileged to be the first company Ambassador Wilkins has chosen to associate with since finishing his term in office earlier this year," said Donald Carty, chairman of the Toronto Island airline. "We can't think of anyone better to provide insight and guidance at the board level as Porter builds its presence in the U.S."

The Financial Post [reported this week](#) that Porter is plotting an aggressive expansion that will see it forging strategic alliances with other airlines at its U.S. destinations in Newark, NJ, and Chicago.

It is also considering moving the brand out West at some point, according to its chief executive, Robert Deluce.

Mr. Wilkins is currently a partner at Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP in Greenville, South Carolina, where he focuses on businesses on both sides of the U.S.-Canadian border as chair of its Public Policy and International Law Practice.

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David Wilkins, U.S. ambassador to Canada, next to a map showing all the places in Canada he visited while serving at the embassy. It's not clear whether Porter's home base of Toronto Island Airport can be seen on the map.



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