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Real estate mogul Edward St. John was named Friday the new chairman of the [Maryland Science Center](#)'s board of trustees.

St. John, president of Baltimore's [St. John Properties](#), succeeds Alexander T. Mason, a former [Mercantile Bankshares Corp.](#) vice chairman. Mason is currently president and chief operating officer at New York's [CIT Group Inc.](#) (NYSE: CIT)

St. John, who has a wing named after him at the Inner Harbor tourist attraction, previously served as vice chairman of the museum. He donated more than \$2 million to support a \$35 million expansion and renovation at the science center.

"This is a challenging and exciting time for the Maryland Science Center and I approach this new opportunity with great optimism," St. John said in a statement.

The Maryland Science Center drew 650,000 visitors in 2007, according to Baltimore Business Journal research.

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