

James Pallotta

James Joseph Pallotta (born March 13, 1958) is an American billionaire businessman.^[6] In 2009, he founded Raptor Group, a private investment company.^[7] Prior to forming Raptor, Pallotta was vice chairman at Tudor Investment Corporation. He is co-owner and chairman of the Italian football club **A.S. Roma**; co-owner and executive board member of the National Basketball Association's **Boston Celtics**,^[8] and co-owner of esports franchise **Fnatic**.^[9]

Early life [edit]

Pallotta was born in 1958 in **Boston** to a mother from **Canosa di Puglia, Apulia** and a father from **Calabria, Italy**. Along with sisters Carla and Christine Pallotta, he was raised in Boston's Italian north end neighborhood. His sisters own and operate NEBO Cucina & Enoteca in Boston's financial district.^[10] Pallotta earned a BA at **University of Massachusetts Amherst** and an MBA at **Northeastern University**.^[citation needed]

Professional background [edit]

Raptor Group [edit]

Pallotta founded Raptor Group, a private investment company with offices in Boston, New York City, Miami, London, and **Abu Dhabi**. Raptor focuses on various industries including sports, consumer, technology, media, entertainment, and financial services.^[citation needed]

A.S. Roma [edit]

Pallotta, along with three other American investors (**Thomas R. DiBenedetto**, Michael Ruane and Richard D'Amore) acquired Serie A football club A.S. Roma in 2011.^[11]

In August 2012, Pallotta became the chairman of club, succeeding **Thomas R. DiBenedetto**, and becoming the 23rd in the club's history.^[12]

In December 2019, Pallotta was in final negotiations to sell the team for \$872 million, to US businessman **Dan Friedkin**.^[13]

Tudor Investment Corporation [edit]

Prior to Raptor Group, Pallotta was a vice chairman and partner at **Tudor Investment Corporation**.

Initiatives [edit]

Pallotta is a member of the board of trustees for the **Santa Fe Institute**^[14] and the Board of Trustees for **Northeastern University**^[15]. Pallotta serves on the Board of Directors for **New Profit Inc.**^[16] as well as the Board of Advisors for Tulco, LLC.^[17] He is also a member of the Advisory Council for the **MIT Media Lab**^[18] and the External Advisory Committee for the Center for Brains, Minds and Machines (CBMM) at MIT.^[19]