

Halton Place

Halton Place Owner, Timur Leckebusch

Halton Place owner Timur Leckebusch is a businessman, horseman, luxury car collector and a fan of many sports. He grew up in the Black Forest area of Germany and was a member of the Junior German show jumping team. In 1986, at just 25, he came to Canada to run the Canadian division of the family commercial real estate business. Just three years later, he purchased the land where Halton Place now sits. It was then a large hog farm, housing over 15,000 pigs in 80,000 square feet of barns. Since refurbishing the original property, he has purchased an adjacent 100 acres, bringing the total size of Halton Place to 200 acres. The original farmhouse dates back to 1832 and was built with limestone extracted from the property.

Although as a child he wanted to be a soccer player or a movie star, the family business beckoned and he has continued his involvement with horses. He is a member of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, Club Link, The Spoke Club, the German Canadian Chamber of Commerce, The Toronto North York Hunt Club, the Toronto Chapter of the Entrepreneurs' Organization and the St. Moritz Tobogganing Club.

An avid car and motorcycle collector, Timur owns a 1928 Model A Ford Phaeton, a 1964 Rolls Royce Silver Cloud and other rare cars, such as a Trabant which was the former Communist East Germany's only manufactured compact car, dating back to before reunification. His collection also includes Harley Davidson and BMW motorcycles. As a young adult, he competed in downhill skiing and still loves all winter sports, including skeleton. The St. Moritz Tobogganing Club in Switzerland, where he frequently enjoys these activities, is one of the most prestigious private sports clubs in the world. He and his 7-year-old twin sons are also avid soccer fans, and his sons share his love of horses and motorcycles.

Timur is not the only member of his family to love Canada. Although one of two sisters lives in Switzerland, the other lives in Glen Williams, Ontario. His parents still reside in Germany, but plan to settle at Halton Place in retirement.

Timur is passionate about developing the sport of show jumping and the breeding of sport horses in Canada. He would like to see the Canadian Equestrian Team return to their glory days of the '60s, '70s and '80s on the international stage. He is investing heavily and has ambitious long-range growth plans to create a world-class show jumping venue at Halton Place.