



JEFFREY A. COLE
Director (Non-Executive)

Jeffrey A. Cole (born in Cleveland, Ohio, USA, on May 20, 1941), Director of the Board of Directors of SAFILO GROUP S.p.A. since March 29, 2010.

He graduated from Harvard College and Harvard Business School.

Jeffrey A. Cole was Chairman and CEO, from 1983 to 2003, of Cole National Corporation, a leading optical retailer in North America and a leading provider of managed vision care service, as well as owning the gift store chain "Things Remembered", with sales, including franchisees, of over \$1billion. Major brands included Pearle Vision, Sears Optical, Target Optical, Cole Managed Vision Care and Things Remembered. Cole National also owned a minority interest in optical retailer, Pearle Europe B.V., now GrandVision B.V..

Jeffrey A. Cole built the strategic platform of Cole National through acquisitions and internal growth including the start-up of Pearle Europe B.V. in late 1996 in partnership with HAL INVESTMENTS of Rotterdam, the Netherlands. Cole National was acquired in October 2004 by Luxottica, an eyewear company based in Milan, Italy.

Jeffrey A Cole served as a member of the Grandvision B.V. Supervisory Board, a leading eyewear retailer, from 1996 until august 2021, when the company was sold to Essilux.

Jeffrey A. Cole is a trustee of the Cole Eye Institute of the Cleveland Clinic one of the top ranked eye research and treatment centers in the USA.

Jeffrey A. Cole has been the founder and principal shareholder of numerous companies in the USA and has served on the Board of Directors at various times of 12 publicly traded companies in the USA.