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Justin H. Alexander, an Atlanta native, holds an A.B. cum laude from Harvard College and an M.B.A. from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Justin is Director, Brand Experience, Holiday Inn Americas for IHG (InterContinental Hotels Group). In this role, he is responsible for all guest experience innovation for Holiday Inn, Holiday Inn Resort and Holiday Inn Club Vacations properties in North and South America and for working with franchisees to implement those innovations on property. Prior to this role, Justin was a part of IHG’s global strategy team, working with members of the C-suite to develop, implement, and track the company's strategic priorities. He has also spent time as a management consultant with Monitor-Deloitte and as an investment analyst with JP Morgan Private Bank, the wealth management arm of JPMorgan Chase & Co. Justin His desire is to translate his passion for developing great customer experiences into opportunities to invest in or develop real estate ventures that bring new experiences to communities.

Odessa Archibald, a Georgia native, holds degrees from Howard University in Washington, DC and Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey. She also holds two professional designations, Economic Development Finance Professional (EDFP) from the National Development Council and Certified Economic Development Professional (CEcD) from the International Economic Development Council. Her public service includes the board of directors of the Georgia Budget and Policy Institute, the South Fulton Advisory Board of United Way of Greater Atlanta, and the Georgia Commission on Equal Opportunity. She holds professional membership in the International Economic Development Council, Atlanta District Chapter of the Urban Land Institute, and the Georgia Economic Developers Association. She has worked in commercial business development for the Georgia Department of Economic Development and currently for the Georgia Power's Community and Economic Development Department. She has led and supported project teams in the site selection process for domestic and international companies resulting in more than $150M in capital investment; the creation of more than 800 jobs; the absorption of more than one million square feet of industrial or office space; and the generation of thousands of dollars in tax revenue for the local communities she serves as well as revenue for her company.
Semaj Blaine is a Cum Laude graduate of Georgia State University with a B.S. in Communications and holds an MBA from Clark Atlanta University with a concentration in Marketing. Semaj has an extensive background in Information Technology and Project Management having worked for IBM and E*TRADE Financial. He is a Certified Project Management Professional (PMP) and has a Financial Services Operations Certification (Series 99). He is a Managing Partner of Vision Partners Development LLC, an entrepreneurial effort that sought to renovate an historic school property into an upscale condominium community. Semaj is seeking opportunities that will allow him to transfer his skills and experience into the commercial real estate industry, especially in the areas of Economic and Community development.

Romel Cadet is an Associate Attorney with the Battle Law Firm In Atlanta, a firm specializing in commercial real estate, land use, and zoning. In his role, he assists clients with sales, acquisitions, loans, land use, and zoning transactions. Romel earned his Bachelor’s in Political Science from the University of Florida and his JD, with a certificate in transactional skills, from Emory Law School. He is licensed to practice in the State of Georgia. Romel hopes to learn more about commercial real estate so he can better serve his clients.

Lentheus Chaney, a Miami native, is recognized as a driven individual with a passion to identify, research, create and implement. With more than 15 years of experience holding various positions within the communications industry, Chaney leads with the confidence that “all things are possible” and possesses the talent of transforming ideas from paper into tangible marketable products. Lentheus is Managing Partner of Imprint Properties LLC, a real estate investment firm, and is also the founder and principal of Urban Lux Magazine, a multicultural digital publication aimed at urban living and community altruism. Chaney donates proceeds generated from Urban Lux Magazine to assist non-profit organizations such as Hosea Feed the Hungry, 40 Girls and Some Shoes, The Anti-Prejudice Consortium, Make-a-Wish Atlanta, Atlanta Ballet’s Ailey Camp, Students Without Mothers and Open Hand Atlanta. Furthering his philanthropic pursues, Chaney served on the Board of Directors for the non-profit organization The Gentleman’s Foundation.
Mahdi Chaney, a proud Atlanta native, is a co-founder of Millennial Properties, an urban renewal real estate company specializing in residential and commercial development opportunities emerging throughout Atlanta. Chaney has already played several roles in his novel career in real estate by serving as a buyers and sellers negotiator, a rental property manager, design innovator, a residential renovator, a lead generator, business incubator, an investor, a portfolio asset manager and a real estate educator. Chaney also has a successful history in sports with the Atlanta Falcons, WNBA, and 18K Sports. Mahdi attended Stanford University and holds a degree in Marketing from Morehouse College. Mahdi also is a Licensed Realtor for the state of Georgia.

Vita Deveaux is recognized as a top producing realtor in the Atlanta market and has done an amazing job of transferring her knowledge and skill set from residential to now a commercial broker. Vita is passionate about the needs and goals of her clients. Her negotiation and critical thinking skills, along with her overwhelming knowledge of making the numbers work, have served her well. Vita found professional success in the Commercial Real Estate industry by listing a 41,000 sq ft facility after her first week. In her spare time, Vita is a mentor for Camp Hope, which helps children learn to cope with having an incarcerated parent. She is very active at her church and loves to brag on her children. Her daughter is a graduate of UCF and preparing for Physicians Assistant School and her son, soon be a graduate of Tuskegee University. Vita has a loving husband, Doug Deveaux and sweet dog Ginger. Vita is a proud of graduate of Clark Atlanta University and a licensed realtor for the state of Georgia.

Akintunde "Kin" Hardy, from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, is an emerging commercial real estate professional with over 15 years of professional sales, account management, and consulting experience. Prior to this professional development, Mr. Hardy worked as a consultant and top performer within multiple pharmaceutical companies such as Novo Nordisk and Johnson and Johnson. Other accomplishments include fund development and management of 1M+ for national non-profits including the National Black MBA Association (NBMBAA) - HQ, the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) New Orleans Region, and the American Heart Association (AHA) covering northern Louisiana. Akintunde Hardy is a proud graduate of Xavier University of Louisiana located in New Orleans. Akintunde Hardy plans to fully transition into commercial real estate partnering on various public-private sector projects or a representative for client-based commercial real estate services.
**Tiffany D. Hogan** is an accomplished attorney, negotiator, and real estate professional with more than 10 years of professional experience including 5 years in commercial real estate administration and property management. Tiffany was formerly In-House Counsel for a Fortune 500 Company and an Operations and Senior Marketing Manager for a Regional Retail Development Company. In 2015, she was appointed by the Mayor of Kansas City to the City of Kansas City’s Board of Zoning Adjustment. Tiffany is a native of Milledgeville, Georgia where on May 30, 2006 she received a proclamation from the Mayor of the City of Milledgeville honoring her dedication to community service in the city. Tiffany received her Bachelor of Business Administration, with a double major in Marketing and Management from Mercer University and her Juris Doctor from Washburn University School of Law. While in law school she served as a legal intern in the Executive Office of the President of the United States. Tiffany is currently seeking a career in real estate that will utilize her legal education, legal experience, and real estate experience.

**Kezzie Joseph** is originally from Brooklyn, New York, with a B.S. degree from Hunter College of C.U.N.Y and a Masters of Health Administration from Clayton State University. Ms. Joseph is a recent licensed real estate agent for the state of Georgia and has previously worked in community engagement at United Way of Greater Atlanta, specializing in health program management. Her interest in real estate begun in New York City as a real estate investor and manager for mixed residential units. After relocating to Atlanta in 2007, she continued residential management. Ms. Joseph is interested in fostering her commercial real estate experience in development, acquisitions, and management.

**Carlus Houston** comes to REAP with 20+ years of providing mental health care to metro Atlanta, the past 5 years being responsible for hospital/healthcare system business development. With a desire to transition into commercial real estate, REAP was able to provide insight into both the business and different roles found in CRE. Houston has served his country in the military and is a graduate of Alabama A & M in Psychology.
Brandon LaBord, a native of Atlanta, is a recipient of the Posse Full-Tuition Merit-Leadership Scholarship. With this honor, he attended Bard College in Upstate New York where he graduated with honors and delivered the Baccalaureate speech. Subsequently he was invited to join the United States Peace Corps. After serving 2.5 years serving in Morocco as a Youth Development Specialist, Brandon has returned home where he works full-time as a Sr. Office Coordinator for Cushman & Wakefield. There, he has successfully processed over 1M in invoices, developed new systems of accounting - saving time on resource discovery, and led a team of 12 colleagues in a building playground for the children of a charity organization. Through REAP, he hopes to learn more about Commercial Real Estate and continue to define his trajectory in the industry.

Candace Latigue is an Oakland, CA native and a Clark Atlanta University graduate with a desire to break into the commercial real estate industry. With over 12 years of experience in the construction, residential real estate and the mortgage industry, Candace is an expert in the areas of construction management, REO asset management, government mortgage underwriting and community outreach. As an entrepreneur, Candace is the creative director behind the online retail business, EGO (www.hellaego.com) which specializes in vintage pieces and unique accessories. She also recently acquired her GA real estate license, is eager to connect with other professionals and entrepreneurs.

Chereda Miller began her career in Atlanta, GA as a high producing residential real estate agent. In 2004, Chereda opened Miller Realty LLC, and she successfully lead her company through one of the toughest recessions in the history of this country. Never one to rest on her laurels, following the recession, Chereda set her sights on commercial real estate. She has since transitioned into commercial real estate after being invited to join the largest African American Tenant Rep Firm in the country. In her current role she represents corporate and professional clients with the acquisition of space and disposition of non-performing assets. Her expertise is understanding the client's bottom line and executing the plan to get their desired results. She has been featured on HG TV, in the Atlanta Business Chronicle and in the Atlanta Journal Constitution for her expertise and as an “Up and Comer”. She is currently a CCIM Candidate, an inaugural mentee of the Atlanta Commercial Board of REALTORS Diversity Mentor Program, Secretary at the
Empire Board of Realtist Commercial Council, and Vice President of the National Association Real Estate Brokers Commercial Investment Division. Chereda has earned a degree in business administration finance. She enjoys spending her time volunteering with various community organizations including Buckhead children’s ministry.

**Monica Scott** has over 15 years as an experienced leader in the multi-family housing market and managing renovation projects, as well as commercial real estate. Within that period of time, Monica Scott has focused her attention on working with the people of urban communities while neighborhoods are experiencing transitional growth. Monica is a licensed Realtor with Berkshire Hathaway Home Services, where she is focused on the commercial industry, working with small businesses with relocation and expansion space. Monica serves on the Board of Directors for the National Association of Non-Profit Professionals, where she heads the Recruitment Committee. She also serves on the Board of Directors for Sweet Repeats, which provides formal wear and prom gowns for financially challenged girls in high school and college.

**Walter L. Slaton Jr.**, a native of Atlanta, has a diverse professional background with over 10 years of experience in Information Technology. In his current role, he is responsible for managing several terabytes of data as a database administrator for a wealth management firm. Prior to becoming an IT professional, Walter worked as a purchasing manager in the construction industry for the private sector after having served in the U.S. Army as a procurement specialist with a construction engineering battalion. While stationed at Fort Drum, NY, Walter was deployed and participated in the peacekeeping mission, *Operation Joint Endeavor* in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Walter’s diverse professional background, military service, and connection to the South West Atlanta area naturally led him to become involved with several community organization’s efforts to increase economic development and revitalization. Currently, Walter is chairman of his neighborhood’s planning unit’s zoning and land use committee. With this role, Walter has had the responsibility to review rezonings, mixed-use developments, transit oriented developments, and affordable housing developments. Walter is a Cum Laude graduate of Oglethorpe University in Atlanta, Georgia with a Bachelor of Business Administration and a minor in Economics. Walter is interesting in pursuing a career in commercial real estate with an interest in financial analysis, valuation and budgeting, asset management/property management, brokerage/investment sales, development, market analysis, leasing and lease analysis.
Pamela Talley is a licensed Realtor with Berkshire Hathaway Home Services, and a professional Technical Writer across a range of business segments, including Real Estate, Energy & Utility Resources, Information Technology, Healthcare, Operations, and Engineering. A native of South Carolina, Pamela holds two Master’s level graduate degrees and has extensive training experience as an Instructional Designer and Advanced Facilitator. She is a member of NAR, ARA, GAR and serves the Metro Atlanta area.

Malika Terry is the Director, Americas Compensation and Benefits for InterContinental Hotels Group (IHG), responsible for the planning and administration of compensation and benefits programs for America’s Hotel and Corporate employees to include United States, Canada, Mexico, Latin America, and the Caribbean. Malika received her Master’s degree in Business Administration with a major in International Business from Mercer University and an undergraduate degree in Social Work from The University of Georgia. She is a Certified Compensation Professional and an active member of several Professional Organizations such as The Society of Human Resources (SHRM), WorldatWork, The Atlanta Area of Compensation Association, and Southeastern Benefits Education Network. Malika is passionate about community involvement and works to help shape the direction of her community and to improve the lives of youth in the Atlanta Area. She is the current Director of Programs & Planning for the Make A Difference Foundation, Inc. (www.madf.org), and she is also an ambassador for United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta as an Alumna of the United Way Volunteer Improvement Program and a 2012 Community Impact Fund Volunteer. In addition to her commitment to professional growth and community development, Malika enjoys spending time with her two daughters; traveling; entertaining family and friends; outdoor adventures; and watching college sports, especially the Georgia Bulldogs.
TeMaya Thompkins has over 15 years of operations and sales/marketing experience. Currently, she is the Regional Corporate Account Manager for L&R Group of Companies. In this position, she develops and cultivates relationships while assisting organizations with their bottom line. Through her success in this role, she has been given added responsibility as a project manager for her company’s new Atlanta facility. TeMaya is a proud graduate of Clark Atlanta University with a Bachelor of Science in Management and a Master’s in Organizational Management and Leadership, along with a 6 Sigma Certification. Through her participation in REAP, she hopes to transfer these skills and knowledge to the Commercial Real Estate Industry.

Milton Wilkes is a Cardio-Pulmonary Perfusionist at Piedmont Atlanta Hospital. In addition, Milton has successfully invested in residential and small multifamily projects. Originally from Dayton, Ohio, Milton holds a B.S. in Circulation Technology with a minor in Business Administration from The Ohio State University and a M.S. in Real Estate from Georgia State University. Other activities include serving on the Perfusion Committee for the Georgia Composite Medical Board, a member of Kappa Alpha PSI, and student members of CCIM, ICSC, and ULI.

Natalia Williams is Senior Vice President of Finance at Bayside Communities and is responsible for the asset management of Bayside’s affordable housing portfolio and the firm’s acquisition and development platforms. Ms. Williams’ specific responsibilities include the purchase of general and limited partnership interests, refinancings, dispositions, and the acquisition and development of properties using low income housing tax credit equity and tax exempt bond financing. Ms. Williams holds a Master’s in Business Administration from UC Berkeley with an emphasis in real estate and a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics and public policy from Stanford University. Ms. Williams is a LEED accredited professional and a Certified Public Accountant. Ms. Williams was named as one of five of Affordable Housing Finance’s Young Leaders in 2012.