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Erik Blanco is an Investment Portfolio Manager for JM Family Enterprises, a privately held company primarily operating in the automobile industry. His primary roles involve evaluating investment prospects and overseeing current investments across various asset classes and geographies, utilizing multiple pools of capital. Prior to joining JM Family Enterprises, Blanco held positions as a Capital Markets Associate at Emigrant Bank, a Senior Valuation Analyst at Murray Devine & Company, and a Net Asset Value and Performance Analyst at BlackRock. Blanco is a CFA charterholder, is a CAIA charterholder, and holds a BS in Finance and Economics from Drexel University.



Jessica Chumak leads the real estate portfolio at the Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System (LACERS). She joined LACERS in April of 2023 and began her focus in private equity prior to real estate. Chumak previously held the position of Treasurer for her neighborhood city council, where she learned the importance of land use and zoning regulations. Chumak is an active member of her community as an executive board member of itisOverdue, a 501(c)(3) focusing on clean-up efforts in Los Angeles as well as educating the public on sustainability.



Ryan Diemert is an Associate on the Americas investments team at QuadReal Property Group, where he is responsible for evaluating investment opportunities and managing existing investments and partnerships across multiple asset classes and markets. He joined QuadReal in 2018 and worked in QuadReal's Vancouver and London offices before joining QuadReal's Los Angeles office in 2024. Diemert graduated from the University of British Columbia with a Bachelor of Commerce and is a CFA charterholder.



Taylor Frey is an Investment Analyst for Utah Retirement Systems (URS), where he works on portfolio and asset management for the real estate, timber, and agriculture portfolios. His work is focused on the health-care, office, life science, and technology asset types. Prior to joining URS, Frey completed his undergraduate work in Finance and obtained a Master of Real Estate Development from the University of Utah.



Sam Givray is a Senior Associate on the real estate team in the investment management division of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas. He is responsible for underwriting principal investments and fund opportunities across all property types, domestic geographies, and risk profiles. Previously, Givray spent nearly four years as an Investment Associate at L&B Realty Advisors, a real estate investment management firm that offers private equity strategies to institutional investors. He started his career as an Investment Banking Analyst at RBC Capital Markets, where he worked with REITs, REOCs, and financial sponsors on various M&A and capital markets mandates. Givray earned a BA in Economics from Cornell University.



Terron Grant is a Junior Investment Officer at the New York State Common Retirement Fund. In this role, he oversees the separate accounts program, comanages a multifamily build-to-core relationship, and comanages a European REIT investment. In his previous role as a C-Suite Executive Analyst for Sinatra & Co., Grant underwrote multifamily assets for acquisition and spearheaded investor outreach efforts. For his successful accomplishments, he was awarded the Buffalo Business First 2021 30 Under 30 Award. Grant also had a commercial real estate license and holds a BS in Business Administration from SUNY Buffalo State University.

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Minaal Jhaver is an Associate on the real estate investment management team at Healthcare of Ontario Pension Plan (HOOPP). She joined the HOOPP team in 2021 and is responsible for evaluating investment opportunities across domestic and international markets as well as managing existing investments and partnerships. Prior to joining HOOPP, Jhaver worked in the asset management division at Brookfield. She holds a BA in Economics from McGill University.



Sydney Losco is an Associate on the investment team at Oxford Properties. She joined Oxford's New York team in December of 2022 and is responsible for evaluating both debt and equity investment opportunities across various markets in the US. Prior to joining Oxford, Losco worked at Tishman Speyer on the affordable and workforce housing team, focusing on acquisitions and development. She started her career at JP Morgan. Losco holds a BS in Economics and Industrial Design from the University of Notre Dame.



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Vlad Obradovic is an Associate at Healthcare of Ontario Pension Plan (HOOPP), specializing in the management of industrial and multifamily investments across North America and Europe. His key responsibilities include the underwriting and execution of new investments, portfolio management, and advancement of the skills of junior staff. Prior to joining HOOPP in 2020, Obradovic contributed his analytical expertise to top Canadian development and private equity firms. He received an honors degree in Business Administration from the Ivey Business School at Western University.



Walker Wade is a Senior Analyst on the real return team at the University of Texas / Texas A&M Investment Management Company (UTIMCO), where he is responsible for real asset investments across real estate, natural resources, and infrastructure. He has worked on primary fund commitments, secondary transactions, coinvestments, and GP-related structured solutions. Wade received a BBA in Accounting and an MS in Finance from Texas A&M University.

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