

## Meet our Team

### Partners



**Dr. Shimon Elkabetz, Ph.D.**  
Chairman

Serves as a special investments consultant to the board. Up to January 2016, was co-CEO of Harel Investments Insurance and Finance, one of Israel's largest publicly traded insurance and financial groups. He previously served as CEO of Ilanot Discount, Ilanot Batucha Investment House, and Harel Finance. Dr. Elkabetz's expertise is in the area of real estate investments and the mortgage business. From 2001 to 2004, Dr. Elkabetz served in senior roles at DBTC & UBC in Geneva, Switzerland. He received a BA in Economics and Accounting from the University of Haifa, a Master's in Economics from The Technion Institute, and a Ph.D. in Business Administration from the University of Haifa.

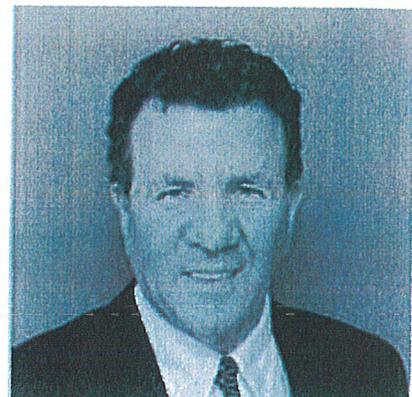
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**Eyal Peretz**  
CEO

Since 2002, Eyal Peretz has been a real estate entrepreneur and investor. He serves as CEO of Fuse Group, an investment company that develops, owns, develops and operates commercial real estate and offers private commercial real estate financing solutions. Throughout his career, Mr. Peretz was directly responsible for acquisitions and repositioning of commercial real estate and structuring real estate debt. Mr. Peretz also founded a real estate tax reduction company where he helped his clients with real estate tax savings on assessments of more than \$250 million. Mr. Peretz holds a BA in Biochemistry and a Master's degree in Biomedical Engineering from the University of Miami, real estate Broker in the state of Florida and mortgage lender license from NMLS.

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**Ofer Tamir**  
COO

Starting in 1984, and while managing a 500 employee organization in the textile industry, Mr. Tamir purchased and syndicated a substantial real estate portfolio comprised of commercial, residential and development projects in Florida, Georgia, Texas, Tennessee, Costa Rica and Israel. Mr. Tamir also acquired numerous tracts of land for future development in Israel and extended many private loans to real estate entrepreneurs. Following the Real Estate debacle of 2008, Mr. Tamir co-founded Florida Prime Acquisitions, a real estate investment company that acquired hundreds of commercial and residential properties in South Florida. Mr. Tamir is heavily involved in the South Florida community by volunteering many hours as the Chairman of the Board of the Israeli American not for profit organization, The Riviera Parliament, Inc.

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## Senior Management & Credit Advisory Committee



**Carolina Noronha**  
CFO

Ms. Noronha serves as the CFO of Fuse Group. Previously, she held the Corporate Controller role for a multinational construction and engineering company for 9 years, where she was part of the executive team responsible for the company's capitalization through two Private Placement operations, for a total amount of \$575 million, and for structuring a Security Bond (Project Finance) associated with the construction of two drilling vessels, totaling \$1.5 billion. Ms. Noronha previously worked ten years in a Big 4 public accounting firm, having led several public offerings in the United States and Brazil. She has a BS in Business Administration and Masters in Accounting and is a Certified Public Accountant in the US.



**Jonathan K. Winer, Esq.**  
General Counsel

Mr. Winer began his career in the law doing high-profile business bankruptcy and commercial litigation with two of Miami's premier boutique law firms in these areas: Kozyak Tropin & Throckmorton, P.A. and Meland Russin & Budvick, P.A. After a stint as a solo practitioner focusing in those areas of the law, as well as collections and creditor's rights, Mr. Winer was General Counsel for United TranzActions, LLC, one of the nation's largest check guarantee and payment processing companies. Mr. Winer's broad array of legal experience includes business bankruptcy and commercial litigation, complex contract preparation and review, corporate governance, transactions, and joint ventures. Mr. Winer received a BS in Economics from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania with concentrations in Accounting and Finance, and received his JD from the U.C.L.A. School of Law. Mr. Winer is admitted to practice law in both Florida and New York.



**Ryan Poliakoff, Esq.**  
Advisory Committee

Ryan Poliakoff of Becker, Aboud, Poliakoff & Foelster concentrates his practice in the community associations practice group. Mr. Poliakoff serves as general corporate counsel to condominium associations, homeowners associations, master associations and country clubs. He is particularly experienced in the areas of property management, accommodations under the Fair Housing Amendments Act, and executive board operations and service. Previously, Mr. Poliakoff was senior counsel at Sachs Sax Caplan and an attorney in New York, where he practiced complex commercial litigation, including securities, patent, environmental and mass tort litigation. Mr. Poliakoff received both his undergraduate and law degrees from Cornell University.



**John Primeau**  
Advisory Committee

Executive V.P. & Mkt President for Centennial Bank

John G. Primeau, presently, Executive V.P. & Market President for Centennial Bank (formerly known as Broward Bank of Commerce) has been a respected member of the South Florida financial industry for more than 40 years. He began his professional career in banking, serving as Executive Vice President for the Commercial Lending Division of Hollywood Federal Savings and Loan, and later served as President and CEO of Unifirst Bank in Hollywood, successfully directing the merger with Republic Security Bank in 1998. Prior to joining Centennial Bank (BBOC) he was President and CEO of Valley Bank of Florida and Senior Vice President of Florida Community Bank.

Originally from Detroit, Michigan, John is a long-time Broward County resident. Having earned his MBA from Barry University, he held the office of Mayor and Councilman of the Town of Davie and served as President of the Davie-Cooper City Chamber of Commerce.



**Maria Tude**

Advisory Committee

Ms. Tude has over 20 years of diversified experience in the design, procurement, and construction industry. Ms. Tude has held several leading positions in a variety of heavy construction projects, such as buildings, airports, and roadways. Ms. Tude has led an international procurement center that supported worldwide projects ranging from \$1 million to \$4 billion. She has also led the finance/administration area of iconic projects.



**Michael Budwick, Esq.**

Advisory Committee

Michael Budwick is a shareholder of law firm Meland, Russin and Budwick and has been deeply involved in litigation related to lender liability, negligence, and professional malpractice. Mr. Budwick has represented parties in some of the highest-profile financial fraud cases in the U.S. and is nationally recognized as a bankruptcy and commercial litigation expert. He received both his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Florida.



**Greg Matus**

Advisory Committee

Greg Matus serves as regional managing partner of South Florida for Franklin Street Real Estate Services, where he oversees the growth of the company's South Florida presence through strategic recruiting and business development. Prior to joining Franklin Street, Mr. Matus spent 11 years with Marcus and Millichap, and has been involved in thousands of transactions valued at more than \$3 billion. He serves as a member of the National Association of Office and Industrial Properties, Urban Land Institute, and International Council of Shopping Centers. Mr. Matus received his bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Florida.