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FIU Hollo School of Real Estate announces new advisory board and council members

MIAMI (May 3, 2021) - Florida International University's College of Business (FIU

Business) <u>Hollo School of Real Estate</u> has appointed two new members to its Advisory Board and Real Estate Council, a collective of global real estate leaders committed to growing and expanding the school's reach. **Jeffrey Ardizon** of The Estate Companies has joined the Real Estate Advisory Board and **Sebastian Garcia** of Lennar is the newest member of the Real Estate Council.

Ardizon is a principal with The Estate Companies, one of Florida's largest real estate development firms, specializing in Class A multifamily rental developments throughout the region's urban core and submarket locations. Ardizon brings significant experience identifying and evaluating off-market opportunities, temporary market dislocations, special workouts, overall capitalization and corporate strategy. Ardizon was instrumental in structuring Miami's first large-scale opportunity zone, Soleste Grand Central, a \$100+ million deal, which will deliver a 360-unit Class A multifamily project to Downtown Miami.

With nearly 10 years of experience specializing in new construction for the nation's largest home builder, Lennar homes, **Garcia** brings in-depth knowledge involving all facets of real estate development, including marketing, financing, sales and the construction process, to the Council. Throughout his career, Garcia has assisted local and international buyers throughout Latin America on investing in the Miami market. He is a third-generation real estate professional and received a Master of International Real Estate degree from FIU's Chapman Graduate School of Business.

The Hollo School of Real Estate Council and Advisory Board offer guidance on the school's curriculum, connects students with internship and job opportunities to help advance their careers, and assists in broadening the number of companies that recruit Hollo School of Real Estate graduates. Each member of the Hollo School of Real Estate Council brings deep-seeded experience, expertise and history of success in real estate across various industry sectors such as capital markets, investment, financing, fund management, risk management and fiduciary responsibility.

For information on Hollo School of Real Estate, its Advisory Board or Council, please visit <u>FIU Hollo School of Real Estate</u> or email Dr. Eli Beracha at <u>eberacha@fiu.edu</u>.

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About FIU Business:

Florida International University's <u>College of Business</u> plays a pivotal role in the development of global business leaders. With more than 10,000 undergraduate and graduate students, FIU Business is widely recognized for its expertise in international business, real estate, data analytics, entrepreneurship, healthcare management, and a broad range of financial services. Its faculty ranks among the Top 100 in the U.S. in UT Dallas' survey of business research productivity. For more information about FIU Business, visit <u>www.business.fiu.edu</u>.

About FIU:

Florida International University is a Top 50 public university that drives real talent and innovation in Miami and globally. High research (R1) activity and high social mobility come together at FIU to uplift and accelerate learner success in a global city by focusing in the areas of environment, health, innovation, and justice. Today, FIU has two campuses and multiple centers. FIU serves a diverse student body of more than 58,000 and 260,000 Panther alumni. U.S. News and World Report places dozens of FIU programs among the best in the nation, including international business at No. 2. Washington Monthly Magazine ranks FIU among the top 20 public universities contributing to the public good.