

# R2 Investments Announces Formation of Advisory Board

*Real Estate and Capital Market Leaders Join Advisory Board during Period of Rapid Growth.*

TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA, December 16, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Toronto, ON – R2 Capital & Investments today announced that it has added four new independent and highly skilled professionals to its Advisory Board. The four new members are John Bartkiw, John Andrew, Sam Mizrahi and Marcus Gillam. The new members, who come from diverse backgrounds will provide a unique vision and skill set to further R2's strategic plan.

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According to Amar Nijjar, CEO of R2, "These four individuals are not only leaders in their own fields i.e. capital markets, construction management, property development and academia but also bring tremendous value and synergies to R2. With their guidance we will be able to further enhance our technology-based platform that makes Direct Investing into real estate cheaper and more accessible."



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Appointments to the R2's Advisory Board include:

John Bartkiw serves as the Managing Director at Fengate Asset Management and is responsible for all aspects of real estate investments, asset management and property management, coordinating financing for properties and portfolios, and managing the performance and reporting of existing assets. He has 14 years of experience in corporate financial management and 25 years of

professional business experience, most recently in real estate investment banking, and a history that includes several senior executive positions. John headed Macquaire and Raymond James Real Estate Investment Banking platforms in Canada and also was SVP/CGO of InScotia Developments and FTG a publicly-traded company.

"I am excited to join the advisory board and help the company accelerate its growth. R2 has

developed a unique platform that provides retail investors online access to previously unavailable private market real estate.”

–John Bartkiw

Dr. John Andrew Heads Queens University’s Real Estate Program and is Professor of urban and regional planning there. He also consults the commercial real estate sector, primarily on strategic planning, financial analysis, environmental issues and conflict resolution; and has served as an expert witness in real estate commercial litigation cases. He is a frequent speaker and national media commentator on a broad range of real estate issues. John holds a Ph.D. and Master of Science in Planning from the University of Toronto, and a Bachelor of Science from the University of Western Ontario. He is also a pilot with 30 years of experience and is a volunteer with Hope Air.

“I have personally known Amar from his corporate banking and JLL days. He was #1 Originator at JLL across all business lines in 2015 and I remember our dinner a few years ago where we discussed how he wanted to move on to create something of his own and help bring efficiencies to private capital markets in CRE. I am very impressed by R2’s progress to date and look forward to being part of their journey into the future. Using technology to bring work flow efficiencies and cost savings to investors is of exceptional value to investors – and R2 is making great progress in that space”

–John Andrew

Sam Mizrahi is a visionary entrepreneur with over 25 years of leadership experience in identifying and developing residential, retail and community projects across North America. Currently is the Developer extraordinaire for “The One” – Tallest condo tower in Canada at the Corner of Bloor and Yonge. Sam has built iconic luxury condo towers such as 128/133 Hazelton, 181 Davenport, 1451 Wellington. An inspirational team builder who recruits leading experts in a variety of fields, he has a proven ability to execute complex projects that require a layered skill set in community relations, zoning, marketing, heritage appreciation, retail and commercial requirements, property amalgamation, construction, design and quality management. He is also the Developer for Temmy Latner Forest Hill Jewish Centre and is Co-chair UJA’s SixPoints Jewish Venture Philanthropy Fund & Director, BILD.

“I have known Amar for several years now and have always been impressed with his vision and progressive mindset. 3 years ago, when he spoke with me about setting up R2, I knew this was going to be a success. It’s amazing to see the progress that Team R2 has made in a short period of time. I look forward to being part of R2’s future and help them become a leading platform for investors to access private equities in real estate through the use of cutting-edge technology”

– Sam Mizrahi.

Marcus is the president of Gillam Group Inc., a progressive, relationship-based construction management organization located in Toronto, Ontario, that specializes in the delivery of medium-sized projects through collaborative delivery models in the industrial, commercial, institutional and residential sectors. Under Marcus’ leadership, Gillam Group has become widely recognized as an industry-leading construction organization, particularly with respect to innovative working methods, technological integration, integrity and performance. In 2017 Canadian Business Magazine named Gillam Group as Canada’s fastest growing company with a

5-year growth rate exceeding 29,000%. Gillam Group has a staff of 120 people and it manages in excess of \$150 million annually.

“Commercial Real Estate sector in general has been a laggard when it comes to adoption of technology, but times are changing now. The emergence of PropTech, FinTech and Blockchain is going to revolutionize how the business is conducted over next decade – and R2 sits at the forefront of this sea-change. Having known Amar for over a decade now, I can comfortably say that he definitely thinks outside the box and works hard to accomplish the goals he has set for R2. I am thrilled to be part of this new chapter in R2’s growth.”  
– Marcus Gillam.

#### About [R2 Investments](#)

R2 is a technology-enabled investment platform that provides qualified investors and institutions access to fully underwritten commercial real estate opportunities. We combine our decades of institutional experience with cutting edge technology in order to empower our investors through direct access and greater transparency.

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