

Brett Kaufman, CEO

Brett Kaufman, founder and CEO, has been working in real estate development and investing in various asset types—both through the investment banking and development lens—for more than 17 years. During this time, he has developed, leased and/or sold over 10,000 homes and a variety of commercial, retail, land and office projects. His accomplishments have not gone unnoticed. He was twice named *Developer of the Year* by the Building Industry Association (BIA); is past president of the Columbus Apartment Association; and serves on many civic boards throughout Central Ohio. In 2012, he was named *Next Generation Builder of the Year* by the BIA, and in 2014, Brett was honored as EY's *Emerging Entrepreneur of the Year*.

Company History

Kaufman Development evolved with the career of its founder, Brett Kaufman. After getting his start in the banking industry, Kaufman entered the world of real estate. He worked with large real estate developers in the Central Ohio area, and eventually began to dabble in some smaller projects of his own. That's when he discovered that making a few small but significant changes could really make a difference. People wanted pretty but affordable, with smart finishes and good design. By pushing product creativity, his identity emerged. That identity included a growing passion for creating innovative communities filled with purpose. He wanted the communities to focus on wellness, philanthropy, sustainability and innovation. And in doing so, he believed they could have a positive impact on the lives of the residents.

Since founding the company, Kaufman Development has donated over 2000 hours and over \$250,000 in contributions to various philanthropic organizations, including Besa, KIPP Journey Academy, Community Shelter Board, Ohio State University Star House, Hunger Alliance, Ronald McDonald House, OSU James Cancer, Columbus Jewish Federation and many others.

Brett personally has donated much of his professional life to many community organizations, their boards and various committees, including Columbus 2020, Adjunct Professor Ohio State Fisher School of Business, Columbus Metropolitan Library, Executive Committee for the Agudas Achim Synagogue, the Columbus Jewish Federation, the Columbus Jewish Day School and Greater Columbus Arts Council.