KYLE DAVID KATZ

Following graduation in 1984 from Emory University with a BA in Economics, Kyle Katz returned to Columbus to begin working for The Huntington National Bank. While in the corporate management training program at The Huntington, Mr. Katz received a concentrated background in credit analysis, lending, and customer relations.

In 1986, Mr. Katz joined Continental Office Development of Columbus where he achieved success in real estate brokerage and development. Mr. Katz's concentration was the renovation and leasing of downtown properties.

In July of 1988 Mr. Katz resigned from Continental in order to create The Katz Interests, Inc., a real estate investment firm in which he is the sole owner and President. The focus of The Katz Interests is the purchase and adaptive renovation of older structures. Today, the firm owns and manages over 300,000 square feet of commercial space in downtown Columbus. In 2006, the firm successfully delivered 68 loft condominiums at The Buggyworks on Nationwide Boulevard and will continue the development of this mixed use project over the next several years.

Mr. Katz has also been active on behalf of the community. For The City of Columbus, he is a mayoral appointee to The Downtown Development Commission, served on The Development Service Committee and has served on The Downtown Zoning Task Force, The Downtown Parking and Development Task Force, The Downtown Streetscape Committee and has been a committee member and judge for The Columbus Planning Department's Plan It Awards. Mr. Katz is also the Founder of The PenWest District Neighborhood Association and has served as its President since inception over fifteen years ago. Within the general community, Mr. Katz is a member of Columbus State Community College's Foundation Board, has participated on The United Way's Race Relations Vision Council, is a Past President of Jewish Family Services, and served as a Big Brother for over six years. Over the past eighteen years, Mr. Katz has been active serving on the boards of several other community organizations including, but not limited to, The Columbus Academy Board of Trustees, The Columbus Jewish Federation, The United Jewish Appeal's Young Leadership Cabinet and is a graduate of The Wexner Heritage Foundation. In addition to a "40 under 40" recognition from Business First, he is the 2001 recipient of the Teresa Stern Kahn Leadership Award from The Columbus Jewish Federation.