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2020 Power Leaders in Real Estate (Part 2)

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Ever since South Florida was pioneered in the 1800s, real estate has shaped the region's economy. More than 100 years later – through depressions, recessions, and economic tumult – that continues to be the case.

The persistent force behind the local real estate market remains the property owners, developers and real estate brokers who power what remains a significant driver in the South Florida economy.

Though persistent, the individuals reflect the uniquely dynamic nature of South Florida's real estate marketplace. While 39 are making at least their fifth appearance on the list, 15 are newcomers to the list. Most are frequently mentioned in the pages of the *South Florida Business Journal*, as they make their mark across the community.

As South Florida emerges from the fallout of recent events, these modern-day pioneers will be the ones who continue to shape the region's economy and our future successes.



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Over 40 years ago, Merin founded the South Florida commercial real estate firm he still runs today. It is consistently ranked one of South Florida's largest real estate companies.

Birthplace: New York City

Education: B.S.B.A., Boston University

First car: Chevy Nova hatchback

Childhood hero: James Bond

I'd like to have drinks with: My father (I lost him 40 years ago)

I'd like to learn how to: Fly a float plane

Favorite decade: Early 1970s

Favorite smartphone app: Google Voice

Favorite TV network: PBS

Favorite season and location: Summer in the Adirondacks

Last concert attended: Bob Weir and Wolf Brothers

Favorite drink: Single malt Scotch

Guilty pleasure: Mentally spacing out in the middle of the day