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# 100 TOP

## LEADERS TO WATCH OUT FOR IN NIGERIA'S REAL ESTATE INDUSTRY IN 2025



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The real estate sector in Nigeria continues to experience rapid growth, driven by key stakeholders who are making significant contributions to housing development across the country. Both male and female leaders are playing vital roles in shaping the future of the industry. This report independently compiled by Housing TV Africa highlights some of the prominent figures to watch out for as they lead the charge in transforming Nigeria's housing landscape.

Housing TV Africa, available on Channel 149 on Startimes and NIGCOM-SAT, is Africa's first television channel dedicated to housing and construction. As a key platform for stakeholders, it delivers impactful content, highlights cutting-edge innovations, and facilitates meaningful discussions that influence housing policies and practices.

In its just over one year of existence, Housing TV Africa has become an award winning broadcast station serving as a catalyst for change in the housing sector, showcasing best practices, hosting renowned industry leaders, and supporting initiatives that have transformed housing accessibility and affordability.

This distinguished group represents a diverse range of expertise, encompassing development, construction, finance, technology, and more. Their collective vision is to create a more livable, equitable, and sustainable built environment for all Nigerians. As the real estate sector continues to evolve, these 100 Leaders will undoubtedly play a pivotal role in determining its trajectory and ensuring its continued success.

This report serves as a testament to the remarkable leadership driving Nigeria's real estate industry forward. It is a celebration of their achievements and a recognition of their invaluable contributions to the nation's progress.



**ARC. AHMED MUSA DANGIWA**  
MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Arc. Ahmed Musa Dangiwa, Minister of Housing and Urban Development, is a seasoned architect and administrator with over 30 years of experience in real estate, mortgage financing, and housing development. Appointed by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, Arc. Dangiwa champions affordable housing and urban renewal through initiatives like the Renewed Hope Cities and Estates programme and strategic partnerships with state governments and private developers.

As former MD/CEO of the Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria, he disbursed over N175 billion in mortgage loans and delivered 13,500+ housing units, driving significant reforms. Now as Minister, he focuses on sustainable urban development and innovative housing finance. A Fellow of several professional bodies, Arc. Dangiwa holds advanced degrees in Architecture and an MBA from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria. Passionate about travel, photography, and intellectual pursuits, he is dedicated to transforming Nigeria's housing landscape.



**TONY O. ELUMELU**  
FOUNDER, TONY ELUMELU FOUNDATION

Tony O. Elumelu is a prominent African investor, philanthropist, and advocate for entrepreneurship. As Founder and Chairman of Heirs Holdings, he drives transformative investments across Africa's key sectors, including financial services, energy, healthcare, and hospitality. He chairs United Bank for Africa (UBA), operating in 20 countries worldwide, and leads Transcorp, Nigeria's largest publicly listed conglomerate. Tony also heads Heirs Energies, Africa's largest integrated energy company, championing equitable energy transition.

In 2010, Tony founded the Tony Elumelu Foundation (TEF), a \$100 million initiative empowering 18,500 entrepreneurs and connecting over one million Africans digitally. TEF's focus on job creation and poverty alleviation exemplifies Tony's Africapitalism philosophy, positioning entrepreneurship as a driver of Africa's development. Globally recognized, Tony is a TIME100 honoree and recipient of Belgium's highest royal order. He serves on key international boards, including the UN's Generation Unlimited Leadership Council, amplifying his impact on Africa's economic and social transformation.



**PASTOR MATTHEW ASHIMOLOWO**  
FOUNDER, KINGSWAY INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CENTRE

Pastor Matthew Ashimolowo is a globally recognized spiritual leader and real estate developer. As Senior Pastor of Kingsway International Christian Centre (KICC) since 1992, he has inspired millions through his ministry, prolific writing, and global outreach. His television ministry, *Winning Ways*, and over 90 books, including "What's Wrong With Being Black?", have solidified his influence in faith and leadership.

Beyond ministry, Pastor Matthew has become a significant force in Nigeria's real estate sector. Starting his journey at 27, he now owns 900 acres in Mowe, Ogun State, and extensive holdings in Ibeju Lekki, Lagos. His flagship project, Makarios Luxury Properties, spans 95 acres and is envisioned as a rival to Dubai Marina, offering high-end housing and commercial spaces.

At 71, Pastor Matthew balances his real estate ventures with mentoring and online ministry, continuing to inspire others to achieve success spiritually and economically while leaving an enduring legacy.



**DR. ADEYINKA BIBILARI**  
CHAIRMAN, INFINITY TRUST MORTGAGE BANK PLC

Dr. Adeyinka Bibilari is a visionary entrepreneur and accomplished project consultant with over 25 years in Nigeria's construction industry. Holding a B.Sc. and M.Sc. in Civil Engineering from the University of Lagos and the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, respectively, he also earned a Ph.D. in Business Administration from the American University of London.

Dr. Bibilari is renowned for pioneering transformative housing projects, including the Abuja Model City, Gwarinpa II, a 351-unit estate valued at ₦7 billion, developed under the Federal Housing Authority's Public-Private Partnership Program. Another landmark, Abuja Sun City in Galadimawa, valued at ₦30 billion, boasts state-of-the-art infrastructure and was commissioned by former President Olusegun Obasanjo in 2005. He currently chairs Infinity Trust Mortgage Bank Plc and leads other enterprises, including Adkan Services Nigeria Limited, Zuma Paints and Chemical Company Limited, and Royal Mills and Foods Limited, cementing his legacy as a leader in Nigeria's real estate and financial sectors.

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### ARVIND PATHAK

GROUP MANAGING DIRECTOR, DANGOTE CEMENT

Mr. Arvind Pathak was appointed Group Managing Director of Dangote Cement Plc on March 1, 2023, bringing over 36 years of extensive experience in the cement industry. Prior to this role, he served as MD and CEO of Birla Corporation Ltd.

Mr. Pathak's relationship with Dangote Cement began earlier, serving as Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Group Managing Director until 2021. Before joining Dangote, he was CEO of Reliance Cement from 2008 to 2015 and previously held the position of Regional CEO at Associated Cement Company Limited.

He earned a degree in Electrical Engineering in 1980 and a postgraduate degree in Industrial Engineering and Management in 1982. A Fulbright scholar, Mr. Pathak has also undergone advanced training at renowned international management institutions, equipping him with a global perspective and leadership acumen. His leadership continues to strengthen Dangote Cement's position as a leader in Africa's cement industry.



### ABDUL SAMAD RABIU

FOUNDER & CHAIRMAN, BUA GROUP

Abdul Samad Rabiu is a distinguished Nigerian industrialist, entrepreneur, and philanthropist, widely recognized as the Founder and Chairman of BUA Group. Established in 1988, BUA Group has become one of Nigeria's largest conglomerates, with operations in cement, sugar, flour, agriculture, logistics, construction, real estate, and port services. Under his leadership, the group has contributed significantly to job creation and Nigeria's economic growth.

A graduate of Economics from Capital University, USA, Abdul Samad started BUA Group by trading in major commodities before moving into manufacturing. His notable achievements include the development of the \$1 billion Obu Cement Complex in Edo State, the Lafiagi Sugar Estate, and a 200,000-barrels-per-day petrochemical refinery in Akwa Ibom. Abdul Samad is also dedicated to philanthropy through the BUA Foundation and ASR Africa Initiative, funding healthcare, education, and infrastructure projects across Africa. Honored with multiple awards, including CFR and CON, he is also the President of the France Nigeria Business Council, demonstrating his global leadership.



### LOLU ALADE-AKINYEMI

GMD/CEO, LAFARGE AFRICA PLC

Mr. Lolu Alade-Akinyemi is a seasoned business executive with a wealth of international experience and a proven track record in business transformation, sales, supply chain management, and business development. He currently serves as the Group Managing Director/CEO of Lafarge Africa Plc, a role he has held since April 2020, after initially joining the company as an executive director. He later assumed the position of Chief Financial Officer alongside his executive duties.

Before his leadership at Lafarge, Mr. Alade-Akinyemi held key positions, including a finance officer role at FMCG giant PZ Cussons Nigeria. His career spans renowned global companies such as Coca-Cola, where he worked across diverse markets including Belgium, Ghana, the UK, and Nigeria. Mr. Alade-Akinyemi started his career at ExxonMobil after earning a Bachelor's in Economics from the University of Essex. His expertise in turnaround strategies and Profit & Loss oversight has been instrumental in driving business growth and performance in competitive and challenging environments.

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### UMAR ABDULLAHI

CHAIRMAN/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, COSGROVE

Umar Abdullahi, founder of Cosgrove, is a seasoned real estate developer with over 20 years of expertise in real estate, investment, and financial services. Before establishing Cosgrove, Umar served as the pioneer Managing Director of Brains & Hammers Ltd. for eight years, where he played a transformative role in the development of numerous housing estates and gated communities. His exceptional ability to manage complex projects and lead diverse teams has cemented his reputation as a visionary leader in the real estate industry.

With a solid foundation in corporate banking and expertise in high-stakes negotiations, Umar is deeply committed to upholding corporate governance and fiscal discipline. His strategic vision continues to guide Cosgrove in achieving its business objectives and setting new benchmarks in real estate innovation. A graduate of Bayero University, Kano, Umar is also an alumnus of Cranfield University, UK, and has completed Executive Programs at Harvard Business School. These experiences equip him with the global perspective and leadership skills necessary to drive Cosgrove's long-term success.



### DAVID FRAME

MANAGING DIRECTOR, SOUTH ENERGYX NIGERIA

David Frame is the Managing Director of South Energyx Nigeria Limited, the company responsible for the development of Eko Atlantic City, a massive coastal development project in Lagos, Nigeria. Eko Atlantic City is a 10-square-kilometer development built on reclaimed land, designed to be a modern, sustainable city with residential, commercial, and leisure spaces. The project has been in development for over a decade and is still ongoing.

David Frame has been a key figure in the development of Eko Atlantic City, overseeing the project's construction and management. He has extensive experience in real estate development and has been involved in a number of major projects in Nigeria and other countries. Prior to joining South Energyx Nigeria Limited, David Frame worked for a number of other real estate development companies. David Frame is a highly respected figure in the Nigerian real estate industry and is seen as a key player in the development of Eko Atlantic City. He is committed to creating a world-class city that will be a model for sustainable development in Africa.



### RICHARD NYONG

FOUNDER AND CEO, LEKKI GARDENS ESTATE

Richard Nyong is the visionary founder and CEO of Lekki Gardens Estate, a trailblazer in Nigeria's real estate sector. Honored with the prestigious Officer of the Order of the Niger (OON) in 2022, he is recognized for his transformative impact on the nation's housing landscape. Under his dynamic leadership, Lekki Gardens Estate has delivered over 15,000 housing units, managed assets exceeding N2 trillion, and created over 200 millionaires through strategic investment opportunities.

Nyong's mission to make luxury living accessible and affordable has redefined the industry, providing diverse home options and innovative payment plans that have made homeownership attainable for many Nigerians. Known for his charisma and bold approach, Nyong has garnered multiple accolades, including the Property Developer of the Year award from esteemed organizations like Real Estate Unite Lagos and City People Magazine. Beyond construction, Richard Nyong is committed to economic empowerment and building sustainable communities, cementing his legacy as a driving force in Nigeria's real estate evolution.



### DEJI ALLI

CEO, MIXTA REAL ESTATE PLC

Deji Alli serves as the Chief Executive Officer of Mixta Real Estate Plc, a pan-African real estate development firm based in Lagos, Nigeria, with subsidiaries in Morocco, Tunisia, Senegal, and Côte d'Ivoire. Before this, he was the founding CEO of Asset & Resource Management Holding Company Limited, a role he held until July 2015. His career also includes positions at Prudential Portfolio Managers Limited, UK, and the African Development Bank (ADB).

Deji holds a BSc in Accounting and a postgraduate degree in Finance from the University of Lagos. He is an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, UK. In 2014, he was honored with the National Honours Award – Officer of the Order of the Federal Republic (OFR) for his contributions to Nigeria's financial sector. Founded in 2005, Mixta has built over 20,000 residential and retail units and operates in eight African countries, including Nigeria, Senegal, and Morocco, with projects in Mauritania, Algeria, and Egypt.



**DR. ARMSTRONG TAKANG**

MINISTRY OF FINANCE INCORPORATED (MOFI)

Dr. Armstrong Takang is the Chief Executive Officer of Nigeria's Ministry of Finance Incorporated (MOFI). Prior to this, he served as Special Adviser to the Honourable Minister of Finance, Budget, and National Planning and led the MOFI Transformation Team.

He was also the CEO of Growth Alliance Partners (GAP), a pan-African firm that revitalized private equity-backed businesses, significantly enhancing shareholder value. With over two decades of experience, Dr. Takang has worked across Africa and the U.S., including at KPMG's New York office. In Nigeria, he has driven key initiatives like the Integrated Payroll and Personnel Information System (IPPIS) and the Voluntary Asset and Income Declaration Scheme (VAIDS). Dr. Takang also chaired the Nigeria National ICT Strategic Action Plan Committee and contributed to policies for MOFI's restructuring and Nigeria's 50-year Development Plan.

An alumnus of the University of Hull, Imperial College Business School, and Harvard Business School, Dr. Takang is a visionary leader dedicated to transformative development.



**KEHINDE OGUNDIMU**

MD/CEO, NMRC

Kehinde Ogundimu is a seasoned finance professional with over 30 years of experience in the financial services and housing sectors. He serves as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Nigeria Mortgage Refinance Company (NMRC), a company dedicated to breaking barriers to homeownership by providing liquidity, affordability, and stability in Nigeria's housing market. Kehinde joined NMRC in 2015 as Executive Director and CFO, and became CEO in 2018. He is also the Chairman of the African Union for Housing Finance (AUHF), where he advocates for real estate finance across Africa.

He holds a B.Sc in Electrical Engineering from the University of Ibadan and an MBA from the University of Lagos. Kehinde is a Chartered Accountant (FCA), Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA), and has completed executive programs at prestigious institutions, including Harvard, Cambridge, and Stellenbosch universities. Under his leadership, NMRC continues to drive economic growth and promote homeownership in Nigeria.

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**ADEYINKA ADESOPE**

GMD/CEO, PALTON MORGAN HOLDINGS



Adeyinka Adesope is the Group Managing Director/CEO of Palton Morgan Holdings, the parent company of Grenadines Homes, Propertymart, The Oceanna, Paltonoitte & Associates, and Mitcherutti Contractors. Before this, he served as Managing Director of Propertymart Real Estate Investment Limited, driving significant growth and positioning the company as a leader in Nigeria's real estate sector. An advocate for innovation and creativity, Adeyinka has over a decade of experience in business, blending expertise from local and multinational firms. A first-class Law graduate from the University of Buckingham, UK, he holds various degrees and certifications in business management, real estate development, sales, marketing, and leadership.

He is an alumnus of Cambridge Judge Business School and Lagos Business School, and a Fellow of both the Institute for Government Research & Leadership Technology and the Nigerian Institute of Marketing. Adeyinka is also a Peace Ambassador for the UN Universal Peace Federation and an accomplished professional dedicated to advancing Nigeria's real estate landscape.



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**MUSTAPHA NJIE**

GROUP CEO/MD, TAF AFRICA GLOBAL



Mustapha Njie is a distinguished leader in the African real estate industry and serves as the Group Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of TAF Africa Global. Established in 1990, TAF Africa Global has grown under his leadership into one of the continent's premier real estate companies, operating in eight African countries and known for its innovative approaches to estate development, mortgage lending, and public-private housing partnerships.

Starting with modest construction work, Njie built TAF Africa Global into a transformative enterprise, significantly impacting Africa's real estate landscape. His achievements have earned him numerous accolades, including the European Council for Global Business Award for Excellence (1998), Gambian Businessman of the Year (1993, 2004, 2006), and the CNBC/AAB-LA West Africa Entrepreneur of the Year (2017).

Beyond business, Njie is a prominent speaker at international forums and a mentor to young entrepreneurs through his foundation and TAFHub. His journey exemplifies vision, resilience, and excellence, inspiring many across Africa.



**CHIEF (DR.) FABIAN NWAORA**

FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN, EFAB PROPERTIES

Chief (Dr.) Fabian Nwaora (OON) is a renowned Nigerian businessman and real estate developer, celebrated for founding Efab Properties Limited, a leading real estate company in Nigeria. His entrepreneurial journey began modestly, apprenticing under his elder brother in the trade of home-use electrical components. After working in Kano and Sokoto, he relocated to Abuja, where he purchased his first plot of land in Idu, marking the start of his real estate venture.

Today, Efab Properties Ltd boasts over 15 ultramodern estates in the Federal Capital Territory, providing housing for thousands of Nigerians. Known for his dedication to quality and customer satisfaction, Chief Nwaora is a trusted name in the industry. A philanthropist at heart, he founded the Chikeluba Education Scholarship Foundation, which has supported the education of numerous underprivileged students across Nigeria. His contributions to society earned him the national honor of Member of the Order of the Niger (MON) in 2008. Chief Nwaora's legacy of resilience, innovation, and generosity continues to inspire entrepreneurs and uplift communities across Nigeria.

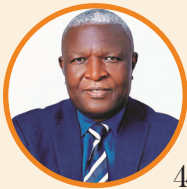
**DR. EMMANUEL NDUBUISI MBAKA**

MD/CEO, PLATINUM MORTGAGE BANK LTD.



Emmanuel Ndubuisi Mbaka is a distinguished leader and innovator in Nigeria's mortgage banking sector, renowned for his expertise in managing resources and driving advancement. His journey of excellence began early, earning top honors from primary to university levels, where he graduated with a first-class degree in Mathematics from the University of Science & Technology, Port Harcourt, in 1987. He also holds a Master's Degree from Liverpool University, UK, and is a fellow of several prestigious institutes, including the Institute of Public Management (FIPM), Institute of Government Research (FIGR), and the Institute of Corporate Administration (FCAI).

Sir Mbaka's career trajectory includes roles in academia and various management positions, including Assistant Manager at Progress Bank Ltd and Managing Director at Frankenstein Nigeria Ltd. He later led First Generation Homes Ltd and currently serves as the MD/CEO of Platinum Mortgage Bank Ltd., where he has steered the bank to the forefront of Nigeria's mortgage industry despite challenges in the operating environment.



**UGOCHUKWU OBIORA CHIME**

GMD & CEO, COPEN GROUP

Ugochukwu Obiora Chime is a distinguished entrepreneur with over 40 years of experience in Nigeria's civil service, public service, and private sectors. He is the Group Managing Director/CEO of Copen Group, a conglomerate with diverse interests spanning real estate, construction, consultancy, banking, manufacturing, and agriculture. The group is renowned for its expertise in physical development, delivering projects such as the design and construction of the Enugu State Primary Education Board building in 1999, and notable housing developments like Goshen Estate, which earned the first-ever award from the Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria (FMBN).

A surveyor and investment analyst, Chime is a fellow of the Nigerian Institution of Surveyors (NIS) and the Nigerian Institution of Building (NIOB). His company has delivered over 2,000 housing units, contributing significantly to local job creation. Chime has also consulted for various government bodies, corporate organizations, and private developers. He has served as Chairman of several organizations, including the Nigerian Employers Consultative Association (NECA) and Bethel Microfinance Bank Ltd.



**ODUNAYO OJO**

CEO, UPDC PLC

Odunayo Ojo has been involved in property development, asset management, private equity and advisory services for various asset classes including master-planned communities, mixed use schemes, shopping centres, commercial buildings and hotels. He has held several roles such as CEO of Alaro City, Director of Development and Projects at Eagle Hills, Abu Dhabi, and Development Directorate Laurus Development Partners, Vice President at Ocean and Oil Holdings, and Business Manager at UPDC Plc. A consummate real estate professional, Ojo is a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), The Nigerian Institution of Estate Surveyors and Valuers (NIESV), and a Registered Surveyor and Valuer (RSV). He holds a Master's in Business Administration (MBA) and a Bachelor's Degree (BSc) in Estate Management.

UPDC boasts of developing the 471 room Festival Hotel in Festac which second largest conference hotel in Lagos with world-class facilities and services and plans to deliver multiple numbers of housing units to the market over the near future.



**HAKEEM OGUNNIRAN**

FOUNDER/CEO, EXIMIA REALTY CO. LTD

Hakeem Ogunniran is a distinguished legal professional, businessman, and leader in Nigeria's real estate sector. A graduate of the University of Lagos with an LL.B (Hons) and a Master's degree in Law (LL.M), Ogunniran has also earned an MBA and participated in numerous prestigious management and real estate programs globally, including at Yale Law School, Harvard Business School, and Cranfield University.

With over 35 years of experience, Ogunniran has made significant contributions to the Nigerian real estate industry, driving landmark projects in cities like Lagos, Abuja, Port Harcourt, and Ibadan, while initiating projects in Asaba and Calabar. Under his leadership, he has raised over N55 billion through innovative funding mechanisms including bonds and Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs). A renowned advocate for corporate governance, Ogunniran has played a pivotal role in shaping the African Real Estate Reform Agenda and has spoken at international conferences across the globe. His extensive contributions have earned him numerous awards, such as the Kwame Nkrumah Award for Corporate Governance Excellence and recognition as Real Estate Unite Person of the Year in 2013.



**CHIEF MICHAEL DURU EJIUGU**

MD/CEO, CITYGATE HOMES LTD

Chief Michael Duru Ejiogu, a graduate of Public Administration from the University of Abuja, is an accomplished entrepreneur with extensive experience in construction, real estate, and hospitality. Since 2007, he has successfully delivered high-quality projects, including building construction, road infrastructure, and mass housing.

As Managing Director/CEO of CityGate Homes Ltd, Chief Ejiogu has developed five estates in Abuja, with one completed, another near completion, and three under construction. He also owns hotels in Abuja and Imo State, further highlighting his business acumen. Notable achievements include a completed road project for NDDC in Imo State and a mass housing project in Bauchi State for the Ministry of Works.

A visionary leader and problem-solver, Chief Ejiogu has empowered youths and created jobs through his ventures. Recognized as a member of the Chartered Institute of Commerce Nigeria and an Ambassador for Peace, he remains dedicated to community growth and sustainable development.



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**ARC. NURADEEN LAWAL DANMUSA**

CHAIRMAN/CEO, CONSTRIX REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT



Nuradeen Lawal Danmusa is the visionary founder and CEO of Constrix Real Estate Development Limited, a company born out of his unwavering commitment to addressing Nigeria’s housing challenges. His passion for providing quality homes has driven Constrix to undertake numerous impactful real estate projects, reshaping the landscape of the Nigerian property market.

With over a decade of experience in the real estate industry, Danmusa’s leadership is marked by his dedication, dynamism, and innovative problem-solving abilities. A trained architect with an MBA, he skillfully combines his technical expertise with strategic business acumen to guide Constrix toward success.

Danmusa’s leadership excellence has earned him numerous accolades, including the prestigious NHA Special Recognition Award for Leadership and the Africa Emerging Real Estate Investment CEO of the Year Award, which he received in Kigali, Rwanda. These recognitions underscore his significant contributions to the development of the real estate sector, both in Nigeria and across Africa.



**BENJAMIN GBADE OJO**

CHAIRMAN, EL-SALEM GROUP

Benjamin Gbade Ojo is a seasoned entrepreneur and real estate professional with extensive expertise in property development, mortgage financing, and corporate governance. A Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Bankers, he previously served as Managing Director of a primary mortgage institution, contributing significantly to housing development in Nigeria and globally.

As Chairman of El-Salem Group, Ojo leads companies such as Ben G Construction Nig. Ltd, Brent Properties, and Jubilee Construction Nig. Ltd. He is an Associate Member of the National Association of Home Builders (USA) and a resource person on international housing issues. Ojo holds key roles, including Council Member of the Abuja Chamber of Commerce, President of the Nigeria-Namibia Chamber of Commerce, and Vice President of the Nigeria-Ukraine Chamber of Commerce.

Through the Shelter Rights Awareness Initiative, Ojo advocates for housing accessibility, solidifying his impact on Nigeria’s real estate sector and beyond.

**DR. CHII AKPORJI**

CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SHELTER AFRIQUE



Dr. Chii Akporji is a seasoned development finance expert with over 20 years of experience in urban development and housing finance across Africa, Asia, and Latin America. As Chairperson of Shelter Afrique, Africa’s leading pan-African finance institution for housing and real estate, she has been instrumental in advancing the sector’s growth and impact.

Dr. Akporji’s career includes a 15-year tenure at the World Bank Group, where she led programs on urbanization, climate change, and slum upgrading, fostering public-private partnerships that delivered tangible economic and social benefits. As a Senior Advisor to Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, she contributed to key economic reforms in Nigeria, including establishing the Nigeria Mortgage Refinance Company (NMRC).

Currently heading ALPHACITIES Consulting LLC, Dr. Akporji provides advisory services to global institutions. An author and community advocate, she holds advanced degrees and certifications from prestigious universities, continuing to shape urban and housing development globally.



**SAADIYA ALIYU**

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, URBAN SHELTER

Sa'adiya Aliyu is a dynamic professional with expertise in economics, finance, and development. She holds a BSc in Economics from Brunel University and an MSc in Finance and Development from SOAS, University of London. Her career reflects a strong commitment to impactful roles in policy and housing development. Starting her professional journey at the Debt Management Office, Sa'adiya served as a Technical Assistant to the Director-General, contributing to critical initiatives such as the National Borrowing Guidelines and the Fiscal Responsibility Bill. In 2009, she joined Urban Shelter Limited, rising to become Chief Operating Officer (COO). As COO, she has championed innovative strategies to address housing market imbalances, focusing on affordable housing solutions and sustainable financing models.

Beyond her role at Urban Shelter, Sa'adiya serves as a board director for various organizations and actively advocates for gender equality through NGO participation. Her leadership continues to drive transformative change in Nigeria's housing sector. Her commitment to her causes continue to drive progress in both the real estate and social impact sectors.



**FOLABI OSENI**

CHAIRMAN / MD, NETCONSTRUCT LTD

Folabi Oseni is the Managing Director/CEO of Netconstruct Nigeria Limited, a leading real estate and facilities management company. With a background in Economics from London Guildhall University, UK, he is known for his passion for innovation within the real estate sector.

As the visionary behind NetConstruct Group, Folabi has expanded the company's reach beyond real estate into facilities management and nitrogen gas production. For the past 15 years, he has been instrumental in revolutionizing estate development in Abuja and growing Netconstruct Nigeria Limited into one of the most respected, efficient, and innovative real estate companies in Nigeria.

His leadership has driven the firm from a fledgling enterprise to a major player in the industry. Dedicated to addressing the housing needs of the underserved middle-low income sector, Folabi continues to lead the company with a focus on affordable housing solutions.

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**GBOYEGA FATIMILEHIN**

CO-FOUNDER, DIYA, FATIMILEHIN & CO.

Gboyega Fatimilehin began his real estate journey as a trainee surveyor and steadily rose through the ranks to become an established estate surveyor. In 1983, he co-founded Diya, Fatimilehin & Co., a leading real estate development and valuation firm in Nigeria, which has since grown under his leadership.

Mr. Fatimilehin serves on the board of numerous companies, including as Chairman of Locke International Consultancy Limited. He is a graduate of Obafemi Awolowo University and holds memberships with prestigious organizations such as the Nigerian Institute of Management (M.N.I.M.), the Institute of Directors (London), and he is a Senior Certified Valuer (SCV) of the International Real Estate Institute.

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**OLAYINKA BRAIMOH**  
CEO, HALL 7 REAL ESTATE

Olayinka Braimoh, a Kogi State-born entrepreneur, founded Hall 7 Real Estate in 2013, one of Nigeria's fastest-growing real estate firms. His passion for wealth creation through passive and multiple incomes has driven the company to develop over 1.4 million square feet of completed projects. Braimoh's vision is focused on providing value through high-quality homes that meet customers' needs for more than just a roof over their heads.

Hall 7's key projects include The Brookshore Residence with 230 family homes, The Bridge Paradox with luxury villas, and Imperial Vista with 200 family homes. His innovative solutions address challenges like rising construction costs and access to land, making real estate a reliable investment.

Braimoh advocates for a better framework for government housing and mortgages, stressing the importance of stakeholder engagement to make housing affordable and accessible to all. Hall 7 Real Estate continues to offer new investment opportunities across Abuja.



**DR. OLABANJO OBALEYE**  
PRESIDENT, ANGEL PARTNERS LIMITED (APL)

Dr. Olabanjo Obaleye is the President of Angel Partners Limited (APL), a business angel investment company involved in consulting, business turnaround management, investment, real estate partnerships, and project finance. He also serves as the Group Executive Director of Adkan Services Nigeria Limited, a parent company with 18 subsidiaries spanning real estate, financial institutions, agro-allied industries, and FMCG. Infinity Trust Mortgage Bank Plc is one of its key subsidiaries.

Dr. Obaleye's illustrious career includes serving as the Managing Director/CEO of Infinity Trust Mortgage Bank Plc (ITMB) from 2004 to 2021, where he was instrumental in the bank's development. He has a rich banking background, having worked with Afribank Nigeria Limited, Midas Bank, and Societe Bancaire.

He holds a Doctoral Degree in Business Administration from Walden University and an MBA specializing in financial management from the University of Abuja. He is also a graduate of Obafemi Awolowo University.



**KENNEDY OKONKWO**  
FOUNDER & CEO, NEDCOMOAKS LIMITED

Kennedy Okonkwo is a leading Nigerian entrepreneur and real estate mogul, transforming the housing sector with over 15 years of experience. As the Founder and CEO of Nedcomoaks Limited, he has built an extensive portfolio of residential properties, generating over ₦15 billion in annual revenue and creating thousands of jobs.

Starting with no capital, Kennedy's success exemplifies his vision and determination. His innovative approach led to the creation of Citadel Views, a sustainable housing initiative offering energy-efficient homes powered by renewable energy, reinforcing his commitment to affordable, eco-friendly living.

A passionate philanthropist, Kennedy supports initiatives like the Eti Osa Oba's Cup and the Kennedy Okonkwo Programme for Tech Entrepreneurs, empowering communities and young talents. With an MBA from Lagos State University and a BSc in Psychology from the University of Ibadan, Kennedy continues to drive impactful change in Nigeria's real estate and socioeconomic development.

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**LAOLU ALABI**  
GROUP CEO, DAMILARE BAKER

Laolu Alabi is a seasoned business strategist, project coordinator, and real estate expert with vast experience in business development and project execution. As the Group CEO of Damilare Baker, one of Africa's premium real estate development firms, Laolu has played a pivotal role in conceptualizing, financing, and managing numerous real estate projects.

He is known for developing impactful strategies for startups and small-scale businesses, driving growth and success across several organizations. Laolu has also contributed to governance, including leading the campaign strategy for Governor Babatunde Fashola's second term and serving on the Lagos State Government Innovation Council.

A trained architect with a Master's in Environmental Design (M.E.D) in Architecture, Laolu's vision and strategic approach are instrumental in shaping Nigeria's real estate landscape. He is passionate about the country's future, having founded The Truth Commission, an initiative dedicated to national development.



**DR. OLUMIDE O. EMMANUEL**  
FOUNDER, COMMON SENSE GROUP

Ezekiel Ojo is a visionary leader and real estate expert with over a decade of experience in housing development and advocacy. As the Founder and CEO of Shelter Origins, Ezekiel has built a reputation for his commitment to affordable, sustainable housing solutions. His expertise spans urban planning, property development, and housing policy reform, focusing on creating eco-friendly homes for communities in need.

Under his leadership, Shelter Origins has successfully completed numerous residential projects, collaborating with local governments and international organizations to push the boundaries of sustainable living. Ezekiel is a strong advocate for using eco-friendly building techniques that reduce environmental footprints while maintaining high-quality living standards.

Ezekiel's vision is to make housing more accessible and aligned with the evolving needs of modern urban life. Through his work at Shelter Origins, he is dedicated to building communities where affordability, sustainability, and quality meet, ensuring that everyone has a home that supports their growth and well-being.



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**EREJUWA GBADEBO**  
CEO, EKO DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

Erejuwa Gbadebo is a seasoned professional with over 37 years of experience in the property and construction sectors. As the MD/CEO of Eko Development Company FZE, she has successfully led major projects across Nigeria and beyond.

Her career includes a distinguished 5½-year tenure as CEO of Broll Property Services Ltd, managing a diverse portfolio of retail malls, residential estates, schools, and commercial buildings across major Nigerian cities. Erejuwa also contributed significantly to the establishment and leadership of PDI, Cluttons International Ltd, which later became IREP and AMREP. At Eko Development Company, she spearheaded the development of Azuri Towers, a luxury property within Eko Atlantic City. Erejuwa holds a BSc and MSc in Architecture from the University of Jos, Nigeria, and an MBA from Henley Management College, UK.

She is a member of MRICS, RIBA, and serves as an independent non-executive director at Berger Paints. Outside of work, she is an accomplished swimmer and a member of the Cycology Riding Club, Lagos.



**AKINTOYE ADEOYE**  
PRESIDENT, REDAN

Akintoye Adeoye is the President of the Real Estate Developers Association of Nigeria (REDAN), an influential organization dedicated to advancing the real estate sector in Nigeria. With his extensive experience as a property developer, realtor, and legal practitioner, Akintoye has played a pivotal role in shaping the industry through innovation, collaboration, and regulatory advocacy. His expertise spans property development, real estate management, and legal practice, with key strengths in negotiation, budgeting, business planning, sales, entrepreneurship, and mediation. As the leader of REDAN, Akintoye is committed to promoting sustainable development and tackling Nigeria’s housing challenges.

Akintoye holds a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) and a Master of Laws (LL.M.), with further qualifications from the Lagos Business School (OMP, CEP), IESE Business School (AMP), and the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies, Kuru (PSLC). Under his leadership, REDAN has prioritized affordable housing, improved industry regulations, and strengthened collaboration with government and private sector stakeholders.



**FESTUS ADEBAYO**  
FOUNDER, AFRICA INTERNATIONAL HOUSING SHOW (AIHS)

Festus Adebayo is a distinguished banker, lawyer, and media guru, celebrated as Nigeria’s foremost advocate for affordable housing. As the founder of Africa International Housing Show (AIHS), Housing TV Africa, and Executive Director of Housing Development Advocacy Network (HDAN), Adebayo has transformed housing advocacy and media in Nigeria. His relentless dedication to affordable housing has led to impactful collaborations with key stakeholders, resulting in major policy strides, including the National Pension Commission’s decision allowing workers to access 25% of their Retirement Savings Account (RSA) for mortgages.

Through AIHS, Africa’s largest housing event, and Housing TV Africa, Adebayo connects policymakers, developers, and industry leaders to advance housing solutions. He has served as a media adviser to institutions like the Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria (FMBN) and Family Homes Funds, earning numerous accolades for his contributions. Currently, he serves on the Federal Government’s Sustainability Committee on Housing, driving initiatives to deliver two million homes nationwide.



**OLAJUMOKE AKINWUNMI**  
CO-FOUNDER & MANAGING DIRECTOR, ALITHEIA CAPITAL

Olajumoke Akinwunmi is a distinguished architect, real estate professional, and investment strategist with over two decades of experience in the real estate and asset management sectors. As Co-Founder and Managing Director of Alitheia Capital, she has played a pivotal role in advancing sustainable investment solutions in Nigeria and beyond.

Prior to Alitheia Capital, Jumoke served as Managing Director at Avante Property Asset Management Services, where she spearheaded the promotion of Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) on the Nigerian Stock Exchange. Her efforts included establishing a research unit dedicated to providing actionable insights into the Nigerian real estate market for investors and professionals.

Her earlier career includes eight years at Shell Trustees Nigeria Ltd., where she managed real estate development projects and residential portfolios in Lagos, Port Harcourt, and Abuja. She also contributed to the incubation of Provast Limited and worked as an architect and project manager at James Cubitt Architects and Adeniyi Coker Architects.

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**AYO IBARU**  
CEO, NORTHCOURT

Ayo Ibaru is the Chief Executive Officer of Northcourt, where he also leads the real estate advisory practice. With a strong academic foundation in Estate Management and an MBA from the University of Lagos, Ayo brings a unique blend of expertise in real estate, finance, and strategy to his role.

His professional journey includes significant contributions at Diamond Bank, where he developed frameworks to enhance revenue growth and policy efficiency, and at Stanbic IBTC Bank, where he managed equity and fixed-income investments for institutional clients in the Custody/Investor Services division. Ayo also played a key role in managing enterprise costs at Stanbic IBTC Holding Company.

A member of the Society of Property Researchers, Ayo is deeply passionate about economics, psychology, and real estate. His leadership at Northcourt reflects a commitment to delivering innovative solutions and insights that shape the real estate landscape.



**KEMI OLOMOLA-SIJUWADE, mni**  
FOUNDER, GREENLAND CONCEPTS NIGERIA LIMITED

Kemi Olomola-Sijuwade, mni, is a dynamic professional and the founder of Greenland Concepts Nigeria Limited, with over two decades of expertise in real estate and law. Her academic foundation includes a National Diploma in Estate Management, an LL.B from the University of Wolverhampton, UK, and a BL from the Nigerian Law School. She further refined her business and leadership skills with an MBA from Lagos Business School and a Professional Certificate in Managerial Decisions Across Cultures from IESE Business School, Spain.

A distinguished member of the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies, Kuru, Jos, Kemi has participated in numerous leadership and management programs globally. She is an active member of professional bodies like the NBA, IBA, FIDA, and CIOd. Renowned for her adaptability and excellence, she seamlessly blends legal and real estate expertise, inspiring innovation and growth in the industry while contributing to Nigeria's economic development.

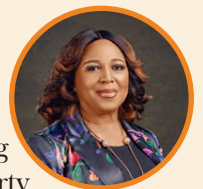


**AYO OLANREWAJU KUYEBI**  
FOUNDER & CEO, GMH LUXURY

Ayo Olanrewaju Kuyebi is a visionary entrepreneur and a prominent figure in the real estate industry, with over 20 years of experience and participation in landmark projects across the globe. With a solid foundation in Structural and Geotechnical Engineering, he has garnered accolades for his expertise and contributions to the field.

Driven by a mission to redefine the luxury real estate landscape in Africa, particularly in Nigeria, Ayo established GMH Luxury. Under his dynamic leadership, the company has flourished, expanding to include four thriving sister companies: BHOUX, Civil Acme, G2G Investment, and Geostruct Konsult.

Ayo's relentless pursuit of innovation and excellence has positioned GMH Luxury as a transformative force in the real estate sector. Widely respected for his strategic vision and commitment to quality, he continues to play a pivotal role in shaping the future of luxury real estate in Africa and beyond.



**DR. JAYNE OBIOMA ONWUMERE**  
CHAIRMAN, PWAN HOMES & PRESIDENT, PWAN GROUP

Dr. Jayne Obioma Onwumere is a trailblazer in real estate network marketing and philanthropy, co-founding Property World Africa Network (PWAN), the world's first real estate network marketing firm. As Chairman of PWAN Homes and President of PWAN Group, she oversees a vast network of 62 affiliate companies, over 1,000 staff, and more than 300,000 independent real estate professionals globally. Under her leadership, PWAN has redefined business paradigms in Nigeria, expanding its reach to all 36 states and the Federal Capital Territory.

Committed to societal impact, Dr. Onwumere has launched initiatives like the PWAN Food Network, aligning with global goals to tackle food insecurity and promote home ownership. Recognized globally, she holds an Honorary Doctorate from the European-American University and has received numerous awards, including "Investor of the Year 2023" by The SUN Newspaper. A graduate of the Harvard OPM Program, Dr. Onwumere is a devoted wife and mother, balancing family life with her mission to inspire change and uplift communities.

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### **IFY UMUNNAKWE-OKEKE**

FOUNDER, LEXON CAPITAL

Ify Umunnakwe-Okeke is an accomplished professional with over 20 years of experience in investment banking, project financing, and corporate law. Holding an LLB in Law and an MSc in Finance and Risk Management, she has successfully advised both domestic and international firms on strategic investments and project financing.

In 2009, Ify founded Lexon Capital, specializing in raising funding for infrastructure and real estate projects. Before this, she honed her expertise at Steptoe & Johnson LLP in London, Investment Banking and Trust Company (now Stanbic IBTC), and a private equity firm.

Ify serves as a board member of Veritas Glanvils Pension Fund and has attended esteemed programs at Harvard Business School and Cambridge University. She is also pursuing the General Management Programme at Cambridge's Judge Business School. She is dedicated to empowering young women through her Lexon Capital Educational Foundation. Ify is a thought leader with a passion for education and international affairs.



### **ARC. OLUMAYOWA OLURISHE**

FOUNDER & CEO, DME GROUP

Arc. Olumayowa Olurishe is a highly skilled architect and the Founder/CEO of DME GROUP, developers of D' MAYORs ESTATES, with over 12 years of varied experience in the architecture and construction industries.

He holds a BSc in Architecture from Atlantic International University, USA, and a National Diploma in Architecture from Federal Polytechnic, Kaduna. Olumayowa has successfully spearheaded over 400 construction projects, establishing himself as a leader in the field.

In addition to his role at DME GROUP, he serves as a director at Zodia Swift Brain. Known for his excellence, integrity, and commitment to human development, Olumayowa has received numerous awards and recognitions throughout his career for his contributions to the industry.



### **ALABA FAGUN**

MANAGING DIRECTOR, BERGER PAINTS NIGERIA PLC

Alaba Fagun is an accomplished project manager and facilities management consultant with over 19 years of experience.

Currently serving as the Managing Director of Berger Paints Nigeria Plc, a leading paint brand with over five decades of excellence, she plays a pivotal role in maintaining the company's position as a market leader in the paints and coatings industry.

With a background in Architecture and Facilities Management Consultancy, Alaba possesses extensive expertise in navigating commercial and contractual matters within the construction industry. Her innovative approach and customer-centric mindset enable her to deliver tailored solutions that align with clients' distinct cultures and needs.

Having worked in the UK, Alaba brings a wealth of international experience, adept at collaborating across diverse cultures, clients, and contractors. A self-motivated team player with exemplary interpersonal and communication skills, she is dedicated to achieving optimal results in cost, time, and quality. Her leadership continues to shape Berger Paints Nigeria's success and innovation.



### **IFEOMA OKOYE**

MD, BRENTBROOKS NIGERIA LIMITED

Mrs. Ifeoma Okoye is a seasoned professional with over 20 years of experience in human capital management, real estate development, business strategy, and process re-engineering. She holds a Master's in Human Resources Management from Middlesex University Business School (UK) and is a Chartered Member of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (M.C.I.P.D).

Ifeoma has extensive expertise in real estate investment strategies, fund generation, and corporate governance. Her experience spans developing sales, marketing, and budget plans for large corporates and SMEs in Nigeria and the UK. Skilled in managing projects of varying scales, she oversees all aspects of construction, including budgeting, scheduling, and major developments. With a strong track record in driving organizational success, she is a respected leader in her field.



**ABDULHAKEEM BABATUNDE**  
GROUP CHAIRMAN, HYDRAFORM NIGERIA

AbdulHakeem Babatunde Huthman is a distinguished entrepreneur and leader with a strong foundation in accountancy. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accountancy from Bayero University, Kano, and began his career as a Chartered Accountant at Akintola Williams & Co., where he received expert training in the field.

Currently, AbdulHakeem serves as the Group Chairman of Hydraform Nigeria and the President of the Building Materials Producers Association of Nigeria (BUMPAN). His visionary leadership has been instrumental in the development of over 2,000 affordable housing units across Nigeria, making a significant impact in addressing the housing deficit.

AbdulHakeem is a strong advocate for alternative building technologies and the use of locally-sourced construction materials, contributing to sustainable development in the construction industry.



**BAMIDELE ONALAJA**  
CEO, REVOLUTIONPLUS PROPERTIES

Bamidele Onalaja is an economist turned real estate developer and a serial entrepreneur with years of experience in mortgage banking. He is the CEO of Revolution-Plus Properties, a company known for making housing affordable for Nigerians. A passionate philanthropist, Bamidele has supported numerous widows and established three tuition-free schools for the less privileged in Lagos State.

Bamidele holds a first degree in Economics and an MBA in Marketing from Lagos State University. He has worked with several mortgage banks, which fueled his interest in real estate. He co-founded Revolution-Plus Properties with his wife, and the company has since created over 10,000 jobs and made significant strides in affordable housing.

Despite challenges like land acquisition issues and finance, Bamidele continues to promote real estate as one of the best investment sectors. His commitment extends beyond housing, as his Chris Bamidele Onalaja Foundation empowers individuals and supports community development.



**DR. SEGUN OSHUNDAIRO**  
CEO, ARC-VIEW INVESTMENTS LIMITED

Dr. Segun Oshundairo is a visionary entrepreneur and real estate expert, serving as the co-founder and CEO of Arc-View Investments Limited, a prominent Nigerian real estate development company. Since its establishment in 2010, Dr. Oshundairo has led the company to deliver over 5,000 homes and sell more than 20,000 plots of land, serving over 25,000 customers. With a dedicated team of over 3,000 marketers, Arc-View has become a trusted name in affordable housing, offering homes in accessible, well-located environments.

Beyond real estate, Dr. Oshundairo has successfully founded businesses like View Facility Management Limited, Eko College of Management and Technology, and Segosh Hotel and Suites, contributing to Nigeria's economic growth. A passionate advocate for affordable housing, Dr. Oshundairo is recognized internationally for his leadership, innovation, and philanthropic efforts. His influence extends to mentoring future leaders and advocating for accessible housing and economic development.



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**OLUFEMI EMMANUEL A.**

FOUNDER, KINGFEM GROUP

Olufemi Emmanuel Akinlawon began his entrepreneurial journey as a youth corper in Abuja, choosing business over employment despite job offers. His diverse ventures include farming, car wash services, soap production, and retail pharmaceuticals. In 1990, he founded KINGFEM Group, which has since been a leading player in real estate, offering commercial and residential accommodations for nearly 35 years. Akinlawon's work in the real estate industry has made significant contributions to both Nigeria and the United States.

Through KINGFEM Group, Akinlawon has created a legacy of success, allocating a percentage of earnings to fund Kingfem Endlesslove Foundation, which has positively impacted the lives of indigent students, widows, and emerging businesses. Akinlawon is married to Ibiyemi, and together they have four children, continuing to make a difference both in business and philanthropy.



**MAUREEN P. TAMUNO, PH.D**

GMD, ABUJA INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED

Maureen P. Tamuno, Ph.D., is the Group Managing Director of Abuja Investment Company Limited, a distinguished life and business coach, diplomat, and author with a profound dedication to empowering individuals and organizations to achieve their highest potential. With a Doctorate in Strategic Marketing and Consumer Behaviour, her expertise spans motivational speaking, strategic advisory, and consultancy.

Dr. Tamuno previously served as Nigeria's High Commissioner to Jamaica, Belize, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic, where her leadership and diplomatic acumen left a lasting impact. Her inspiring personal journey and relentless pursuit of excellence have positioned her as a sought-after motivational speaker and strategic advisor, guiding countless individuals and businesses toward success.

A dynamic professional with a global perspective, Dr. Tamuno continues to influence and shape business and development strategies, leveraging her wealth of experience to drive transformative growth in both corporate and personal spheres.



**DR. EMMANUEL ABIKOYE**

COO & CO-FOUNDER, BILLIONAIRE REALTORS GROUP (BRG)

Dr. Emmanuel Abikoye, widely known as the "Chief Coach of Lagos," is the founder of Tribitat Real Estate Limited and a highly influential figure in Nigeria's real estate sector. Since starting his career in 2014, he has dedicated himself to simplifying the real estate acquisition process, making it cost-effective and seamless for over 5,000 individuals, helping them become homeowners. His leadership, expertise, and focus on client satisfaction have transformed him into a seasoned real estate expert and mentor.

As the COO and Co-Founding partner of the Billionaire Realtors Group (BRG), Dr. Abikoye oversees operations, ensuring that BRG remains the leading real estate brokerage firm in Africa. A passionate advocate for self-development, he holds an Honorary Doctorate in Luxury Real Estate Management and Property Development and a Real Estate Dynamics certificate from the Metropolitan School of Business Management, UK. In addition to his real estate career, he is a digital marketing coach, blogger, and political mentor, impacting lives and shaping the future of the industry.

**ABUBAKAR SADIQ MUHAMMAD**

MANAGING DIRECTOR, NEEDL REALTY



Abubakar Sadiq Muhammad is an experienced business strategist with a sound understanding of organizational development and sales. Skilled communicator with over 10 years of experience providing companies with successful solutions to building organizational accomplishments. Persuasive negotiator who uses integrity and professionalism in presenting joint ventures, assessing acquisition opportunities, and identifying new markets. He has been responsible and accountable for the coordinated management of multiple related projects directed toward strategic business and other organizational objectives.]

He attained his Secondary School Education from the prestigious King's College Lagos, holds a Diploma and Bachelor's degree in Computer Science from the University of Abuja as well as a Certificate in Mastering Infrastructure and Project Finance from the Lagos Business School.



**DR. KENNEDY NNADI**  
MD/CEO, PENNEK NIGERIA LIMITED

Dr. Kennedy Nnadi is a dynamic and visionary leader, steering Pennek Nigeria Limited into becoming a top-tier real estate investment company specializing in prime land procurement in the Ibeju-Lekki axis of Lagos State. With a mission to create lucrative real estate opportunities, Dr. Nnadi's leadership has been instrumental in the company's growth and in offering affordable luxury housing options for Nigerians. An entrepreneur with a diverse background across industries such as oil and gas, importation, and investment, Dr. Nnadi's broad expertise allows him to drive Pennek's vision of becoming a leading real estate firm. With over a decade of experience in entrepreneurship, he has developed partnerships and attracted foreign investments to foster growth.

Dr. Nnadi holds a degree in Soil Science from the Federal University of Technology, Owerri, and is currently undertaking an Executive Management Programme at Harvard Business School. Under his leadership, Pennek Nigeria has earned multiple prestigious accolades, including the 2017 African Brand Leadership Merit Award and Best Real Estate Company in Nigeria - Affordable Luxury at The Realities Awards in 2018.



**DR. YOUNG-TOBIAS EKECHI**  
CEO, FIRST GENERATION MORTGAGE BANK

Dr. Young-Tobias Ekechi is an accomplished leader with over 20 years of experience in the finance sector. His expertise spans project structuring, financing, mortgage administration, and operations control. Ekechi holds an Economics degree from Abia State University, an MBA in Financial Management from Ladoke Akintola University, and an MSc from Institute Prima Bestari, Malaysia.

Ekechi's career began at Citibank Nigeria in 1999, followed by key roles at Access Bank and Aso Savings & Loans. In 2018, he became the CEO of First Generation Mortgage Bank, where he has led remarkable growth. Under his leadership, FGMB became the first private mortgage bank to offer loans at single-digit interest rates, aiding thousands of Nigerians in achieving homeownership. FGMB has financed over 5,000 homes and 22 housing projects, including major estates in Abuja and Owerri. Recognized for his achievements, Ekechi has won multiple awards, including Best Indigenous Mortgage Bank in 2020 and 2021. His commitment to bridging Nigeria's housing deficit continues to make a lasting impact on the mortgage sector.

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**ARC DR. BARKA UMARU MSHELIA**  
GMD/CEO, MSHEL HOMES LIMITED



Arc Dr. Barka Umaru Mshelia is the visionary Group Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Mshel Homes Limited, bringing years of expertise in real estate development, project management, business strategy, and strategic management. Under his leadership, the company has developed over 20 estates and delivered more than 1,500 housing units across Abuja, Nigeria.

An accomplished architect and graduate of Modibbo University of Technology Yola, Dr. Mshelia is a Certified Project Manager and a Fellow of the Institute of Management Consultants. He holds an Honorary Doctorate in Business Management from Universite La HEGJ, Cotonou, and certifications from renowned institutions such as the Metropolitan School of Business and Management (UK) and the International Business Management Institute (Germany). He is currently advancing his education at Hult International Business School.

A consultant, mentor, and life coach, Dr. Mshelia excels in business strategy, innovation, and growth, inspiring excellence in others.

**HAJIA RISIKATU LADI AHMED**

MD/CEO, ASO SAVINGS AND LOANS PLC



Hajia Risikatu Ladi Ahmed is a highly accomplished banking professional with more than three decades of expertise in the financial industry. A law graduate with a Master’s degree in Law, her career is marked by exemplary leadership and a strong focus on corporate governance.

Her advanced management training at Wharton University and leadership development at Harvard Business School have sharpened her strategic vision and decision-making capabilities. In addition, her certifications as a Chartered Director and Corporate Governance expert from INSEAD Business School highlight her commitment to fostering outstanding governance standards.

As a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Bankers and a member of its Governing Council since 2016, Hajia Ahmed has been instrumental in advancing industry standards and fostering professional growth. Her visionary leadership at ASO Savings and Loans PLC has driven innovation and significant progress within Nigeria’s financial and housing sectors.

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**DR. SAID KORI**

GROUP CEO, THINKLAB GROUP

Dr. Said Kori, a trailblazer in Nigerian architecture, serves as the Group CEO of Thinklab Group and the pioneer chairman of BIM Africa’s advisory board. Born in Maiduguri, Borno State, he earned his Ph.D. in Architecture from the University of Salford and the University of Liverpool.

An architect and philanthropist, Dr. Kori has awarded scholarships to over 10,000 students across Nigeria through the Thinklab Foundation, focusing on education, healthcare, and community development. He has also taught architecture at the University of Liverpool and Ramat Polytechnic.

Under his leadership, Thinklab Group has revolutionized construction through innovation, development, and cutting-edge technology, introducing sustainable methods that have redefined the industry. A published author with numerous articles, Dr. Kori is recognized for his expertise in project management, sustainable development, and team leadership.

**JIDE ODUSOLU**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, OCTO5 HOLDINGS LIMITED



Jide Odusolu is a distinguished leader with a robust background in real estate, property development, and strategic investments. He currently serves as the CEO of Octo5 Holdings Limited, a pioneering real estate development firm renowned for delivering innovative housing solutions in Nigeria.

With an impressive track record, Odusolu is the immediate past Managing Director of the Ogun State Property Investment Corporation (OPIC), where he spearheaded transformative projects, significantly boosting the corporation’s impact and profitability. He also served as Special Adviser to the former Governor of Ogun State on Property and Investments, further demonstrating his expertise in public-private sector synergies.

Odusolu’s professional journey includes founding Legacy Holdings Group—now Octo5 Holdings—and a tenure at Texaco Overseas (now Chevron), where he led the Legal/Contracts Section of the Operations Department. His career reflects a commitment to driving sustainable development and delivering innovative solutions in the property sector.

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### **SAMUEL ODIA**

CEO, MILLARD FULLER FOUNDATION

Samuel Odia has dedicated over two decades to advocating for affordable housing and transforming the lives of lower-income populations across Africa. With a mission to ensure everyone has access to a simple and decent home, he has pioneered sustainable models for delivering affordable housing, proving the concept's viability both in Nigeria and across the developing world.

As the CEO of the Millard Fuller Foundation and a former National Director for Habitat for Humanity International, Odia has been at the forefront of inclusive housing advocacy. Under his leadership, his housing projects have been consistently recognized as the "Most Affordable" in Nigeria, directly benefiting thousands of families.

In 2019, the Centre for Affordable Housing Finance in Africa (CAHF) acknowledged homes built by his organization as the continent's most affordable private developer-led housing. Odia's work exemplifies his unwavering commitment to addressing housing challenges and fostering sustainable development.



### **KOREDE ADEDAYO**

MD/CEO, FIRSTTRUST MORTGAGE BANK PLC

Korede Adedayo is the Managing Director/CEO of FirstTrust Mortgage Bank Plc, a leading Primary Mortgage Bank in Nigeria. With over 20 years of experience in the banking sector, he specializes in Retail Banking, Credit, Consumer Banking, and Wealth Management. Adedayo's career began in 1997 with roles at EIB International Bank (now Polaris Bank), Indo-Nig Bank (now Sterling Bank), UBA, and Keystone Bank. He later joined First Bank of Nigeria, where he helped establish the bank's Private Banking division and was part of the founding team of Providus Bank.

As MD/CEO of FirstTrust Mortgage Bank since 2018, Adedayo spearheaded the merger of FBN Mortgages and TrustBond Mortgage Bank, creating Nigeria's largest mortgage bank. He holds a degree in Accounting from Lagos State University and has earned recognition, including Best Mortgage Bank CEO of Nigeria 2021 by International Business Magazine.



### **ABDUL MUTALLAB MUKHTAR**

MANAGING DIRECTOR, FAMILY HOMES FUNDS LIMITED

Abdul Mutallab Mukhtar is the Managing Director of Family Homes Funds Limited, where he spearheads transformative initiatives to provide affordable housing solutions across Nigeria. With over 22 years of experience in the financial services industry, Mr. Mukhtar is known for his ability to drive operational excellence, strategic growth, and impactful development programs. He holds a Master of Science in International Business Management, an MBA, and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. This solid academic background underpins his expertise in corporate governance, strategic management, and sustainable development.

Prior to joining Family Homes Funds, Mr. Mukhtar held leadership roles in prestigious institutions such as Access Bank, IEI Anchor Pension Managers, and First Bank of Nigeria, contributing significantly to their success. He also served as Senior Special Assistant to the President, advancing critical national priorities in infrastructure and food security. Under his leadership, Family Homes Funds continues to deliver affordable housing projects, enhancing the lives of thousands of Nigerians and promoting sustainable urban development.



### **NGOZI ONYEMUWA ANYOGU**

MD/CEO, AG MORTGAGE BANK PLC

Mr. Ngozi Onyemuwa Anyogu is a highly accomplished banker with over 30 years of experience in banking operations, regulatory compliance, risk management, and strategic planning. Renowned for his analytical expertise and visionary approach, he has consistently driven innovation and excellence throughout his career.

He holds an M.Sc. in Banking and Finance from the University of Ibadan and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Bankers in both London (CIBL) and Nigeria (CIBN). Mr. Anyogu has also attended advanced management programs at prestigious institutions, including Manchester Business School, the University of Pennsylvania, and Lagos Business School.

Having held senior positions at Savannah Bank and Commercial Bank of Africa, he is a certified management trainer with global credentials from CMD, ESSC (Paris), and the Institute of Training and Development. As MD/CEO of AG Mortgage Bank Plc, with an asset base exceeding ₦21 billion, Mr. Anyogu continues to lead with innovation, driving growth and transformation in Nigeria's financial sector.



**HON. MORUF AKINDERU-FATAI**  
HON. COMMISSIONER FOR HOUSING, LAGOS STATE

Hon. Moruf Akinderu-Fatai, known as MAF, is a seasoned public servant and accomplished politician with over two decades of contributions to governance and community development. Born on January 6, 1965, he earned a B.A. (Hons.) in Archaeology from the University of Ibadan in 1989 and pursued further studies, including a Higher Certificate in Law from the University of London in 2015. He also attended programs at John Hopkins University and the Management Development and Productivity Institute, Ghana.

MAF began his political career in 2001 as Special Assistant in the Lagos State Governor's Office, advancing legislative relations and youth engagement. He later served as Special Assistant to the Governor on Special Duties, contributing to the establishment of LASEMA and job creation policies. Elected twice to the Federal House of Representatives, he sponsored bills that had a positive impact on Nigerians. Currently, he serves as the Honourable Commissioner for Housing in Lagos State, driving housing initiatives and community welfare. A dedicated philanthropist, MAF supports widows and students through his foundation. He is a devout Muslim and a member of the NIM and ICSAN.



**ALIYU ALIYU**  
CEO, BILAAD REALTY NIGERIA LTD

Aliyu Aliyu is the Chief Executive Officer of Bilaad Realty Nigeria Ltd, a leading real estate company known for its innovative approach to housing development and urban planning. A seasoned civil engineer with over a decade of experience, Aliyu has held technical, operational, and leadership roles, contributing significantly to the advancement of the real estate sector in Nigeria.

He is a graduate of Civil Engineering from the Federal University of Technology, Minna, and holds a Master's degree in Engineering Project Management from Coventry University, UK. Additionally, he earned an Executive Master in Business Administration from the prestigious Institute for Management Development (IMD) in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Under his leadership, Bilaad Realty has achieved remarkable milestones, including the successful delivery of over 1,000 housing units and the planning of 7,000 additional units across various locations. Aliyu's commitment to excellence and his results-oriented mindset have positioned him as a transformative leader in the housing industry.



**AKEEM KOLAWOLE ADEROGBA**  
ACTING MANAGING DIRECTOR, APDC

Akeem Kolawole Aderogba is an accomplished finance expert with over 20 years of experience in accounting, finance, and management. He holds a Higher National Diploma (HND) in Accountancy (Upper Credit) and an MBA in Marketing Management, showcasing his strong academic and professional foundation.

Aderogba began his career with Cakasa Nigeria Company Limited, an oil servicing engineering firm, where he served as an Accountant and later Senior Accountant from 1992 to 2002. He subsequently joined Stallion Property and Development Company Limited, excelling as Financial Accountant and Deputy Manager, Finance and Accounts, between 2002 and 2007.

Aderogba is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN) and an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (CITN). He is also a member of the National Institute of Marketing of Nigeria (NIMN), Nigeria Institute of Management (NIM), and Chartered Institute of Stockbrokers of Nigeria (CIS).



**DR. GBADEWOLE AMOS KAYODE**  
MD/CEO OF CROWN ALLIED GLOBAL REALTY & HOMES

Dr. Gbadewole Amos Kayode is the MD/CEO of Crown Allied Global Realty & Homes Limited (Crown Luxury Properties). He currently holds the position of Treasurer for Real Estate Developers Association of Nigeria (REDAN), FCT, Abuja. He is a finance expert with Background in Economics and Masters in Finance. He has about 15 years experience in building and 8 years professional experience in the real estate sector.

Through Crown Luxury Properties. He has created 19 estates projects within 4 years with over 2,435 housing units in the estates nationwide.

He is a businessman, father, and God lover.



**DR. ALIYU OROJI WAMAKKO**  
EX PRESIDENT, REDAN

Dr. Aliyu Oroji Wamakko is a seasoned businessman with decades of experience in the real estate and construction industries. As the Immediate Past President of the Real Estate Developers Association of Nigeria (REDAN), he has made significant contributions to the growth and development of Nigeria’s real estate sector.

Dr. Wamakko’s leadership at REDAN was marked by strategic initiatives aimed at fostering collaboration among developers, improving regulatory frameworks, and addressing the nation’s housing deficit. His extensive industry expertise and dedication have earned him a reputation as a trusted leader and advocate for sustainable real estate practices.

Despite his tenure at REDAN coming to an end, Dr. Wamakko remains actively involved in the real estate and construction sectors, where he continues to drive innovation and excellence. His enduring commitment to the industry reflects his passion for creating lasting value and improving lives through housing solutions.

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**DR. OLUWATOSIN OLATUJOYE**  
GROUP CEO, ZYLUS GROUP INTERNATIONAL

Dr. Oluwatosin Olatujoye is a visionary entrepreneur with over a decade of expertise in sales, marketing, negotiation, project management, and human resource development. His career began in 2007 as a sales representative at AIICO Insurance, where he rose to become a branch manager.

Driven by a passion for addressing Nigeria’s housing deficit, Dr. Olatujoye founded Zylus Group International, a trailblazer in the real estate sector. A lifelong learner, he is an alumnus of the School of Estate and the Metropolitan School of Business and Management, UK, earning certifications in real estate, strategic management, and entrepreneurship.

Under his leadership, Zylus Group has launched innovative initiatives, including the Oluwatosin Olatujoye Foundation, known for its “Feed the 1000” program and COVID-19 relief efforts. Recognized for his contributions, he has received accolades like the Nigeria Achievers Award (2020), ECOWAS Youth Council’s West Africa Man of the Year, and the Nelson Mandela Award for Excellence.

**TAYO SONUGA**  
MD/CEO OF HAVEN HOMES



Tayo Sonuga is the Managing Director/CEO of Haven Homes, a leading real estate development company. Born in 1966 in Lagos, he is the first of five children. Mr. Sonuga earned his Higher National Diploma (HND) in Accountancy with an Upper Credit from the Federal Polytechnic, Ilaro, Ogun State. During his National Youth Service Corps (NYSC), he served as an External Auditor with Messrs Z. O. Ososanya & Co., a Chartered Accountants firm in Ibadan, where he was offered permanent employment before deciding to relocate to the United Kingdom in 1990.

With over three decades of experience, Mr. Sonuga has been at the forefront of housing development projects in Nigeria, the UK, and recently, the USA. His leadership and dedication to innovation have shaped Haven Homes into a trailblazer in modern home design.



**HASSAN USMAN**

CEO, NEW FRONTIER DEVELOPMENT LIMITED.

Hassan Usman is a seasoned financial and development expert with extensive experience spanning leadership roles across the banking, investment, and public sectors. Currently serving as the Chief Executive Officer of New Frontier Development Limited, he brings a wealth of expertise to the real estate and development industry. Previously, he was the Managing Director/CEO of Aso Savings and Loans Plc and an Executive Director at Abuja Investment and Property Development Company Limited. At the Bureau of Public Enterprises, he led strategic reforms as Deputy Director and Head of Petrochemicals and Gas, Telecoms, and Transport Sector teams, including spearheading NITEL's privatization.

Mr. Usman has held influential board roles in organizations such as Access Bank Plc, Nigeria Sovereign Investment Authority, and the Nigeria Mortgage Refinance Company. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of Sussex and an M.Phil. in Development Economics from the University of Cambridge. A Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales, he is also an Eisenhower Fellow and Archbishop Desmond Tutu Fellow.



**JAGUNMOLU JAMIU OMONIYI**

HONOURABLE COMMISSIONER FOR HOUSING, OGUN STATE.

Jagunmolu Jamiu Omoniyi FCA is the Honourable Commissioner for Housing in Ogun State, exemplifying a commitment to public service driven by a passion for the greater good. His unwavering loyalty to party principles and his belief in God's will have defined his political journey, where he has prioritized consensus and party unity over personal ambition.

Omoniyi began his career as an Account Clerk at Berger Paints Nigeria Plc, rising to Credit Controller before joining Abbey Mortgage Bank Plc as Regional Executive for the Northern Region. Later, he founded C2Q Property & Investment Company Limited, operating in the UK and Sierra Leone, where he led efforts in Nigeria's Federal Integrated Housing Scheme, delivering thousands of affordable homes.

Appointed Commissioner for Housing in 2020 by Governor Dapo Abiodun, Omoniyi leveraged his deep roots in real estate and construction to drive transformative housing initiatives. His leadership has fostered public-private partnerships, delivering affordable homes and elevating Ogun State's housing sector globally.



**OLADEJI ADEOYE**

MD/CEO, FINEBRICKS PROPERTIES & INVESTMENT LTD

Oladeji Adeoye is the Managing Director and CEO of Finebricks Properties & Investment Ltd, a dynamic real estate company he founded in 2021. With a passion for innovation and excellence, he has led the company to deliver over 300 high-quality homes in Lagos, quickly earning a strong reputation for its fast-selling projects.

Under his visionary leadership, Finebricks Properties & Investment Ltd has thrived, reflecting Mr. Adeoye's dedication to building homes where families can truly flourish. His leadership style is defined by a keen focus on quality, combined with a positive and inspiring work culture. With a proven track record of success, Mr. Adeoye's continuous commitment to innovation positions Finebricks to maintain its impressive growth in Nigeria's real estate market.



**TPI. OLATUNJI O. ODUNLAMI FNITP**

COMMISSIONER, OGUN STATE MINISTRY OF PHYSICAL PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

TPI. Olusoga Olatunji Odunlami FNITP is the Commissioner for Physical Planning and Urban Development in Ogun State, bringing nearly four decades of expertise in urban planning, environmental management, and housing development. He holds a B.Sc. (Hons) in Geography and a Master of Urban and Regional Planning (MURP) from the University of Ibadan. A versatile professional, he later earned a Law degree from the University of Lagos and was called to the Nigerian Bar in 2006.

Odunlami's career spans teaching, public service, and private consultancy. He served as a Town Planning Officer and Permanent Secretary in the Lagos State Civil Service before retiring in 2015. His private sector experience includes managing partner roles at Homescapes Limited and Soga Odunlami & Company. A Fellow of the Nigerian Institute of Town Planners, Odunlami has contributed significantly to policy formulation and implementation. He has participated in numerous professional courses and conferences, solidifying his leadership in physical planning and urban development.



**DR. BABATUNDE ADEYEMO**

CEO, PELICAN VALLEY NIGERIA LIMITED

Ambassador Dr. Babatunde Adeyemo is a distinguished real estate entrepreneur, journalist, and humanitarian. He is the CEO of Pelican Valley Nigeria Limited, a company known for creating unique homes. Dr. Adeyemo is also a United Nations (POLAC) Ambassador of PEAC, ECOWAS Youth Council Ambassador, and ICPC Anti-corruption Ambassador. He founded Oko-Opo Foundation, a charity focused on supporting widows and vulnerable individuals.

Born in Ibadan, Oyo State, Dr. Adeyemo's journey began in modest circumstances. He attended Eturenren Primary School in Lagos, Government College Ikorodu, and later obtained a degree in Industrial Relations and Personnel Management from the University of Lagos. He worked as a reporter at Murhi International Television (MITV) before transitioning to the real estate sector, where he started with just two acres of land and less than N2 million. Despite challenges such as government policy inconsistencies and workforce management, Dr. Adeyemo's dedication and resilience have led him to overcome obstacles, establishing himself as a prominent figure in Nigeria's real estate industry.

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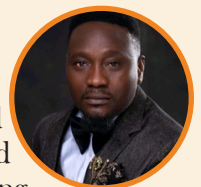


**OYETUNDE OJO**

MD, FEDERAL HOUSING AUTHORITY (FHA)

Oyetunde Ojo was appointed as the Managing Director of the Federal Housing Authority (FHA) by President Bola Tinubu. He replaces Mr. Gbenga Ashafa, who held the position since 2020. Ojo's appointment is part of a broader initiative to enhance the national housing and urban development sector, aimed at addressing the current and future housing needs of Nigerian families. Ojo brings a wealth of experience from his past role as a Member of the House of Representatives, along with his extensive work in the housing and hospitality industries. He holds a Master's degree in Peace and Conflict Studies from the University of Greenwich, United Kingdom.

His appointment is in line with President Tinubu's vision for significant reforms in the housing sector, including the establishment of Building Materials Hubs, a National Social Housing Fund, and land reforms to improve access and unlock substantial capital for housing development. Ojo's leadership at the FHA is expected to drive the delivery of affordable housing and create job opportunities for Nigeria's youth population, in alignment with the President's ambitious plans for the sector.



**TONY ASPIRE KOLAWOLE**

PRESIDENT, BILLIONAIRE REALTORS GROUP

Tony Aspire Kolawole is a renowned real estate entrepreneur, recognized for his expertise in real estate marketing, property development, commercial real estate, and investment. As the president of Billionaire Realtors Group, he has built a strong reputation, serving clients locally and globally, setting new industry standards in customer service and accountability.

He is also the founder of Aspire Heights Realtors Limited, a fast-growing firm in Lekki, Lagos, focused on delivering high-potential residential and commercial properties across Nigeria. Tony has received several prestigious awards, including the Revolution Plus Property Development Ltd CEO's Award (2016), Pioneer of the Year by Chrisdom Homes Ltd (2016), and EALA Award for Economic Advancement through Real Estate (2017).

Tony is an alumnus of Lagos State University, Impact Business School, and Daystar Leadership Academy. He previously ran Aspire Talknet Nigeria Limited, a telecom company partnered with 9mobile and Airtel.



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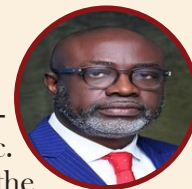


### ENGR. SHAMSUDDIEN BALA

CEO, GRYN BRICKS & TECH

Engr. Shamsuddeen Bala Mohammed is the CEO of Gryn Bricks & Tech, a leading company in real estate development. With expertise in aeronautical engineering, construction, and oil & gas, he has successfully led several projects in these sectors. Shamsuddeen is committed to community development, particularly through the Almuhibbah Foundation, which focuses on youth empowerment, education, healthcare, and job creation in Bauchi State.

A son of Senator Bala Mohammed, Governor of Bauchi State, Shamsuddeen has earned a reputation for his philanthropic work, and his contributions to the Duguri Emirate were recognized with the title of Dan Galadiman Duguri. His leadership style is marked by a focus on innovation, sustainability, and empowerment, making him a beacon of inspiration to his community and a respected figure in his industry.



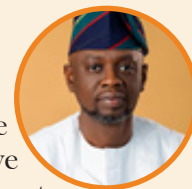
### GBENGA OLANIYAN

CHAIRMAN, ESTATE LINKS LIMITED

Gbenga Olaniyan is a distinguished Estate Surveyor and Valuer, with a B.Sc. (Hons) in Estate Management from the University of Lagos (1987). With over three decades of experience, he has made significant contributions to the real estate sector. His career began at Fox and Company (Estate Surveyors and Valuers), where he worked from 1987 to 1992, eventually resigning as Senior Estate Surveyor. Gbenga later served as Assistant General Manager at Rainbow Home Savings and Loans Ltd before founding Estate Links Ltd and Gbenga Olaniyan & Associates.

Currently, Gbenga is the Chairman of Estate Links Ltd, a global real estate consultancy with offices in the UK, USA, and affiliates in South Africa. He is a Fellow of the Nigerian Institution of Estate Surveyors & Valuers (NIESV), Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), and other prestigious global bodies.

A respected speaker, Gbenga has presented at events such as Africa Day at the London and Harvard Business Schools. He holds an MBA from the University of Liverpool and has attended several executive courses.



### HON. AYODEJI JOSEPH

MD/CEO, LSDPC

Honourable Ayodeji Joseph is the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Lagos State Development & Property Corporation (LSDPC). He has had a distinguished career in public service, marked by his two consecutive terms as the Executive Chairman of Apapa Local Government. During his tenure, his leadership and commitment to community development garnered significant recognition, with notable improvements in local infrastructure and services.

Honourable Joseph is widely respected for his ability to drive growth and innovation in public administration, bringing valuable experience to his role at LSDPC. His vision and strategic leadership have made a lasting impact on Lagos State's development initiatives, particularly in real estate and property management. Under his stewardship, LSDPC has continued to play a pivotal role in shaping the urban landscape of Lagos, contributing to the state's growth and prosperity.

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### **AKINKUNMI JOSEPH OLADIPUPO**

MD, NESTS & NAILS NIGERIA LIMITED

Akinkunmi Joseph Oladipupo is the Managing Director of Nests & Nails Nigeria Limited, a fast-growing real estate company based in Abuja, Nigeria. Under his leadership, the company has gained recognition as a trusted provider of innovative real estate solutions, with active projects in key locations such as Lugbe West, Kyami, Guzape, Kuje, and Shape in Nasarawa State.

With a strong commitment to sustainable and affordable housing, Akinkunmi has become a key player in Nigeria's real estate sector. He is an active member of the Real Estate Developers Association of Nigeria (REDAN), contributing to the industry's development.

His expertise in leadership, strategic planning, and business development has driven the company's success. Akinkunmi holds a BSc in International Relations from Obafemi Awolowo University, an MBA in Human Resource & Organizational Psychology from UCAM, and a Postgraduate Diploma in Business Management from Cambridge International Qualifications.



### **OYEDEPO JOHN**

MD, URBAN LIVING DEVELOPMENT LTD

Oyedepo John is the Managing Director of Urban Living Development Ltd, a leading real estate company in Nigeria known for its commitment to quality, innovation, and customer satisfaction. Under his leadership, the company has gained a strong reputation for excellence in the Nigerian real estate market. With a keen eye for emerging trends and a deep understanding of the market, Mr. John has guided the company to successfully identify and capitalize on new opportunities.

As a strong advocate for sustainable development, Mr. John emphasizes the importance of environmentally conscious building practices and fosters a collaborative, high-performance team culture within the organization. Outside of his professional achievements, he is a respected member of the Nigerian business community, actively participating in industry events and contributing to the growth and development of the real estate sector.



### **ABDULMALIK MAHDI**

MD, MODERN SHELTER SYSTEMS & SERVICES LTD

With over 18 years of experience in the banking and real estate sectors, Abdulmalik Mahdi is the Managing Director and founder of Modern Shelter Systems & Services Ltd, a fast-growing real estate company in Nigeria. Established in 2015, the company has delivered over 700 homes in the Federal Capital Territory, including 200 mortgages, with four ongoing estate projects. Abdulmalik is also a Director at EarthPoint Modern Shelter, a joint venture between Modern Shelter and Earthpoint Development Services.

Abdulmalik holds an MBA from IESE Business School, a Master's in Islamic Finance from INCEIF - Islamic Finance University of Malaysia, and a B.Sc. in Political Science from Bayero University, Kano. He is a Chartered Islamic Finance Professional and an Associate of the Institute of Directors Nigeria. His expertise in Islamic finance, customer relationship management, and real estate development drives his passion for providing affordable, high-quality housing solutions. Fluent in Hausa and English, he is committed to innovative real estate development and marketing.



### **ADETOLA NOLA**

FOUNDER & CEO, VERITASI HOMES AND PROPERTIES

Adetola Nola is a seasoned entrepreneur and the Chief Executive Officer of Veritasi Homes and Properties, a leading real estate company in Nigeria. With over 10 years of experience, he has demonstrated exceptional leadership, steering the company to significant milestones. Under his guidance, Veritasi Homes achieved a BBB rating from Data Pro in 2021 and successfully registered a N30.00 Billion CP Programme on the FMDQ in 2022.

Adetola is skilled in strategic planning, team building, and operational excellence, with a proven track record of driving growth and improving efficiency across industries. He is passionate about leveraging technology and innovation to uncover new opportunities while fostering a culture of excellence. His leadership style focuses on creating long-term value for stakeholders, positioning Veritasi Homes as a market leader in Nigeria's real estate sector.



**SAM OGRIH**

CEO, DELTA MEGA TREND NIGERIA LIMITED



Sam Ogrih MD/CEO, Mega Trend Limited - Champion of Professionalism, Goodwill and Integrity in Real Estate Business. Sam Ogrih founded Delta Mega Trend Limited (DMTNL), a real estate development and civil engineering works Company in 2009, to help bridge the housing and infrastructure deficit in the country. With offices in Delta, Lagos, Abuja and Houston -Texas, the Company has gained a reputation for blending excellence and profitability for discerning real estate investors. DMTNL is a proudly Nigerian company and a recognised member of Real Estate Development Association Of Nigeria (REDAN).

Ogrih is very interested in providing affordable housing solutions and smart buildings coupled with excellent customer service delivery. The company's ongoing real estate development in Warri, Delta State, The Plantation City has in the last three years recorded a significant upsurge in price and profitability for investors. It has also been rated the largest and safest real estate development in the South-South part of Nigeria. Its new gated housing project also in Warri, Southbrook Gardens, is being planned to be as successful as The Plantation City.



**CHINWE AJENE SAGNA**

FOUNDER, CATALYST REALTY SOLUTIONS (CRS)

Chinwe Ajene-Sagna is a seasoned real estate executive with over 20 years of experience spanning Africa, Europe, and the United States. She is the Founder and Managing Partner of Catalyst Realty Solutions (CRS), a full-service real estate firm offering strategic advisory, asset management, and implementation services to private, corporate, and institutional clients across Africa.

Before founding CRS, Chinwe served as Group Head of Business Development Africa at Rendevour, Africa's largest urban land developer, overseeing projects across five countries, including Nigeria, Ghana, and Kenya, with \$250M+ in infrastructure investments.

Her tenure at JLL, a global real estate leader, spanned 14 years, culminating in her role as Head of West Africa. Notable achievements include optimizing Union Bank of Nigeria's 300+ asset portfolio and delivering high-impact mandates for organizations like KPMG, Ecobank, and Cisco. A Harvard MBA graduate and MRICS-certified professional, Chinwe frequently shares insights on strategy and asset management through media and academic platforms.

**ADEBOLA SHEIDU**

FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN, BRAINS & HAMMERS



Adebola Sheidu, OON, is a prominent entrepreneur and legal professional with over a decade of experience in Nigeria's construction and real estate sector. A graduate of Law from the University of Jos, he has served on the boards of several companies, specializing in turnkey real estate consultancy.

Currently, Adebola is the Executive Chairman of Luxury Heights and Towers Ltd., Director at Check Inn Hotels (Nig.) Ltd., and Executive Director at Legend Concepts and Konsults. His expertise includes consultancy services for Airtel Nigeria in site acquisition and lease management and Hawthorn Suites and Towers.

Under his visionary leadership, Brains & Hammers has delivered groundbreaking projects such as the Apo 1-5 estates, 700 housing units in Galadimawa, 83 units in Gwarimpa, the Kano Economic City with over 10,000 shops, and cooperative housing developments for international oil companies in Lagos. Adebola Sheidu's unwavering commitment to innovation and integrity has reshaped Nigeria's real estate industry.



**OSILAMA EMMANUEL OSILAMA**

CHAIRMAN & CEO, NOGIL

Osilama Emmanuel Osilama is a visionary entrepreneur and the Chairman/CEO of Nuel Osilama Global Investment Limited, overseeing a diverse portfolio that includes real estate, energy, technology, and hospitality. As the founder of Nuel Osilama Properties Ltd (UK), he has expanded the business into a global brand with a strong presence in property development and facility management.

A graduate of Estate Management from the Federal Polytechnic Nassarawa, Osilama also holds advanced degrees in Project Management, Human Resources, and International Business Administration from esteemed institutions in the UK, USA, and Italy.

Since 2002, he has led transformative housing projects nationwide, contributing significantly to reducing Nigeria's housing deficit. Recognized as one of Nigeria's Outstanding 50 Real Estate CEOs, Osilama's leadership embodies resilience, innovation, and community empowerment. He remains a thought leader in the industry, leveraging global insights to inspire impactful change.



**SA'ADATU ALIYU**

MD, THE HOMES GROUP LIMITED

Sa'adatu Aliyu is the Managing Director of The Homes Group Limited, bringing her expertise as an engineer with a B.Sc. in Chemical Engineering from the Budapest University of Technology and Economics, along with a Master's degree from the University of Nottingham.

She plays a crucial role in both the managerial and technical aspects of The Homes Group's operations, leading the company with a unique and innovative management style. Sa'adatu has received multiple awards, including a Certificate of Merit from Charity Community Development Services for her efforts in supporting community development and a Second-Place Award for the Kerry Prize in Product Development at the postgraduate level in England.

She is a Fellow of the Society of Project Management & Development, a Corporate Ambassador for the Project Management Profession, and a member of the Nigerian Society of Engineers. Sa'adatu is dedicated to the growth of her community and the Nigerian construction sector.

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**DR. SADIQ SULEIMAN ABDULLAHI**

BOARD CHAIRMAN, BILAAD REALTY LTD.



Dr. Sadiq Suleiman Abdullahi is a seasoned Development Manager with over two decades of experience in both the public and private sectors. His expertise spans Strategic Planning, Infrastructure Development, Operations & Process Management, and Human Capital Development. Dr. Sadiq holds a B.Sc in Economics, an MBA in Entrepreneurial Management, and is an associate member of prestigious institutions such as Harvard Kennedy School of Government (USA), Dale Carnegie of Georgia (USA), and the Public Service Institute, Nigeria.

A Doctorate degree holder in Business Administration from Teesside University Business School, UK, Dr. Sadiq serves as the Board Chairman at Bilaad Realty Ltd., where he plays a crucial role in overseeing the company's strategic direction and long-term trajectory. He is responsible for leveraging the board's collective experience to achieve shareholders' objectives and maintain high-level organizational relationships while guiding critical management decisions.



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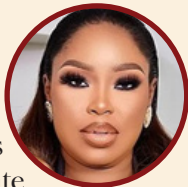
Dr. Chiedu Nweke is a visionary leader with over three decades of expertise spanning law, real estate development, investment, transportation, logistics, and oil waste management. He is dedicated to establishing Periwinkle Residences as the most trusted brand in Nigeria’s real estate industry.

With nearly 30 years of legal practice and 15 years in top management roles at multinational firms, Dr. Nweke brings a wealth of knowledge to his ventures. He is the founder of Orange Island and Periwinkle Lifestyle Estate in Lekki Phase I, Lagos, spearheading premium and luxury housing developments in Nigeria. Before entering real estate, he served as Managing Director/CEO of West African Waste Management Limited, catering to major oil and gas companies such as Shell and ExxonMobil. Dr. Nweke also contributed to Shenker Shipping Limited and Lintel Shipping Limited.

A member of the Nigerian Bar Association, he holds a Master’s degree in Law from Lagos State University and a doctorate from the University of Nigeria. He also serves on the board of multinational firms, including Orange Island Development Company Limited.

**DR. OLOLADE VALENTINA A.**

GMD, GRACIAS GROUP OF COMPANIES



Dr. Ololade Valentina Abuta is the Group Managing Director of Gracias Group of Companies, a conglomerate with significant investments in real estate development, hospitality, logistics, and energy. Known for her strong ethical foundation, Dr. Abuta has built her businesses on the values of integrity and transparency. Her leadership and commitment to these principles have earned her respect within the industry.

Her active presence on social media further reflects her authentic personality, which has garnered over 100,000 followers. Dr. Abuta is a dynamic leader, recognized for her entrepreneurial spirit and strategic vision, making a significant impact in the sectors her company operates in. Under her leadership, Gracias Group continues to grow, delivering innovative solutions while staying true to its core values.



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**FEMI ADEWOLE**

FORMER MANAGING DIRECTOR, FAMILY HOMES

Femi Adewole is an accomplished housing finance professional and architect with over 34 years of experience in housing development, finance, and project management. He was the founding Managing Director of Family Homes Funds Ltd, a Nigerian affordable housing initiative aiming to deliver up to 500,000 homes by 2025.

Before this, Femi served as Acting Managing Director at Shelter Afrique, a Pan-African housing development and finance institution based in Nairobi. In the UK, he held senior leadership roles at major housing organizations, including Group Operations Director at Notting Hill Housing Group, overseeing 1,500 staff, and Investment Director at the Guinness Partnership.

Femi is currently focused on creating Afro-centric housing finance solutions tailored to the unique needs of low-income and informal economies across Sub-Saharan Africa. His career reflects a commitment to addressing housing challenges and advancing affordable home ownership on the continent.



**AARE ADETOLA EMMANEUL KING**

CHAIRMAN & CEO, ADRON HOMES & PROPERTIES

Aare Adetola Emmanuel King is the Chairman & CEO of Adron Homes & Properties Limited, a leading Pan-African real estate company that aims to make homeownership an affordable and pleasant experience. Adron Homes has developed over 40 estates across Nigeria and expanded internationally with branches in the United States, Canada, Switzerland, and the Republic of Benin. The company operates in major Nigerian cities including Abuja, Lagos, Ogun, Oyo, and more.

Driven by its vision to bridge the housing deficit, Adron Homes offers affordable lands, flexible payment plans, and ready-to-live housing solutions designed to meet global standards. The company is dedicated to providing decent, accessible, and comfortable homes for all, regardless of social and economic status. Some of Adron Homes' landmark developments include the Rehoboth Park & Gardens in Lagos, Town Park & Gardens in Ikorodu, and Cape Town Estate in Ogun State. With a reputation for excellence, Adron continues to break new grounds, developing luxury estates like Frontier Court and Elevation Courts while earning multiple awards for its contribution to the real estate sector.



**SHEHU USMAN OSIDI**

MD/CEO, FEDERAL MORTGAGE BANK OF NIGERIA (FMBN)

Shehu Usman Osidi is a seasoned banker with over 30 years of experience. He began his banking career in 1990, advancing to leadership roles, including Branch Manager/Head of Marketing at Lion Bank, Diamond Bank, Intercontinental Bank, and Afribank. In 2010, he joined the Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria (FMBN) as Assistant General Manager, later becoming General Manager.

Osidi retired in September 2023 to serve as Special Assistant (Housing)/Chief of Staff to the Honourable Minister of Housing and Urban Development, before his appointment as MD/CEO of FMBN. A visionary leader, he developed initiatives like the Cooperative Housing Development Loan and Rent-to-Own programs, achieving remarkable milestones, including delivering 3,540 housing units and disbursing over ₦80 billion in loans to beneficiaries. An MBA graduate from Bayero University, Kano, Osidi is affiliated with multiple professional bodies and has completed advanced training at institutions like Harvard Kennedy School and Wharton School. He is married with children and enjoys reading, traveling, and learning.



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### **ENGR. DAVID EMEKA NWACHUKWU**

**CHAIRMAN, HAND OF GOD CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED**

A visionary leader and accomplished professional, Engr. David Emeka Nwachukwu has spearheaded the growth of Hand of God Construction Company Limited, solidifying its position as a leading force in Nigeria's construction sector.

With a deep-rooted foundation in engineering, Engr. Nwachukwu seamlessly blends technical expertise with strategic vision. He oversees the execution of a diverse portfolio of projects, ensuring they adhere to the highest standards of quality, innovation, and sustainability. Driven by a commitment to integrity and a focus on long-term community development, Engr. Nwachukwu's leadership has established Hand of God Construction Company Limited as a benchmark for excellence in the Nigerian construction industry.



### **DR. MUIBI KEHINDE HAMMED**

**CHAIRMAN, MKH GROUP**

Dr. Muibi Kehinde Hammed, Chairman of MKH Group, is an award-winning entrepreneur and visionary leader passionate about sustainable growth and innovation in Africa. With extensive experience spanning real estate, construction, and banking, Dr. Hammed has delivered exceptional projects to over 200 investors, transforming the real estate landscape.

From humble beginnings, he worked as a bricklayer earning 200 NGN per day and later as a bank customer service officer, nurturing his passion for construction. In 2018, he founded Destiny Crest Limited, followed by MKH Investment Limited three years later, focusing on creating strategic, high-quality real estate opportunities.

An alumnus of prestigious institutions like the London Business School and EDC Alumni PAU, LBS, Dr. Hammed holds a BSc, MSc, and an honorary doctorate in Estate Management and Property Development. He has earned accolades like CEO of the Year from Maya Awards Africa and City People Real Estate Awards. Beyond real estate, he invests in retail, film, and mentorship, leaving a lasting impact on countless lives.