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Leonard Abess Jr.



CATEGORY Philanthropists
COMPANY City National Bank of Florida

INDUSTRY Banking

WHAT MAKES HIM HAUTE The world still recognizes Abess for his incredible gesture of appreciation to his employees when he generously divvied up some \$60 million of the \$945 acquired when he sold the majority stake of the City National Bank of Florida, but today Abess continues to give back in different ways. The Trustee of the University of Miami has donated millions to establish the Abess Center for Ecosystem Science and Policy, acts as chair of UM's finance committee, and is a member of the executive, investment and medical affairs committees. He also serves as a trustee of Fairchild Tropical Garden and The Nature Conservancy/Florida Chapter.

S. Daniel Abraham



CATEGORY Billionaires
COMPANY Slim-Fast

INDUSTRY Diet

WHAT MAKES HIM HAUTE As the developer of SlimFast, *Forbes* estimates his net worth at \$1.4 billion. An advocate for improving health care and nutrition, his contribution to the Mayo Clinic served to create the highly innovative Dan Abraham Healthy Living Center in 2007. Strong ties to Israel also led him to found the Center for Middle East Peace & Economic Cooperation where he still serves as chairman. His book, *Peace is Possible*, with a foreword by President Bill Clinton, offers an unprecedented account of behind-the-scenes discussions with Middle Eastern leaders. Last year he published his memoirs, entitled *Everything is Possible: Life and Business Lessons from a Self-Made Billionaire and the Founder of Slim-Fast*.

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Louis Aguirre



CATEGORY Entertainers
COMPANY Deco Drive

INDUSTRY Television

WHAT MAKES HIM HAUTE As host of Channel 7's local entertainment show "Deco Drive," this Miami-native is a familiar face on the social scene. Armed with his VIP guest status, Aguirre uses a creative reporting style to

provide those not-in-the-know with a glimpse at the good life of other Haute 100 members.

Edmund Ansin



CATEGORY Billionaires
COMPANY Sunbeam Broadcasting

INDUSTRY Media

WHAT MAKES HIM HAUTE Inheriting his family's shoe-making fortune allowed this Miami-based billionaire, along with his father Sidney, to buy a Miami television station for \$3.4 million in 1962. Today, Sunbeam

Broadcasting operates WSVN Channel 7 Miami and WHDH Channel 7 Boston, two of the most prominent stations in the country. He is a big supporter of the United Way, so much so that the Broward County location is housed in a building named in memory of his parents, Sophie and Sidney Ansin.

Micky Arison



CATEGORY Billionaires
COMPANY Carnival Corporation, Miami Heat

INDUSTRY Cruise

WHAT MAKES HIM HAUTE According to *Forbes* Micky Arison weighed in as Florida's wealthiest resident; this Carnival Corporation chairman and CEO whose estimated net worth was

about \$4.1 billion last September, is also managing general partner of the Miami Heat. Carnival, which operates 11 cruise lines, claims that at any given time, some 225,000 people are sailing on one of its 95 ships around the globe.

Adrienne Arsh



CATEGORY Philanthropists
COMPANY Adrienne Arsh Center

INDUSTRY Performing Arts

WHAT MAKES HER HAUTE For 10 years, Arsh served as chairman of the board of TotalBank of Miami, which under her leadership grew to have some \$1.4 billion in assets. She sold the bank to Banco Popular Espanol in 2007 and has since dedicated her life to philanthropy. Arsh

became the first woman to join the Million Dollar Roundtable of United Way of Miami-Dade in 2004, and, in 2008, committed more than \$6 million to the University of Miami. But nothing tops her pledge of \$30 million to Miami's then-struggling Performing Arts Center, which thereby became known as the Adrienne Arsh Center for the Performing Arts.

Michael Bay



CATEGORY Entertainers
COMPANY Bay Films

INDUSTRY Film

WHAT MAKES HIM HAUTE He is one of Hollywood's most bankable directors, producing action flicks that put him in the limelight and in the black, with global ticket sales surpassing the \$3 billion mark. *Bad Boys*, *Pearl Harbor*,

and *Transformers* are among his list of credits, and each film is loaded with his special brand of over-the-top effects. The Hollywood power player uses his home on North Bay Road in Miami Beach as a much-needed sanctuary after the draining filming process. Most recently, Bay confirmed that he will direct *Transformers: Dark of the Moon*, set to be released on July 1, 2011, and word is, post-*Transformers* completion, he may direct a sequel to the *Bad Boys* franchise.

Michelle Bernstein



CATEGORY Originators
COMPANY Michy's, Sra. Martinez

INDUSTRY Restaurant

WHAT MAKES HER HAUTE This Miami-born James Beard Foundation Award winner is known for her Latin-style flavors of cooking. She garnered widespread acclaim for her culinary skills when taking over the restaurant Azul

at Mandarin Oriental in 2001 and regularly appearing on varying Food Network series. In 2005, she and her husband, David Martinez, became business partners and opened Michy's, and in 2008, the duo opened Design District's Sra. Martinez. Bernstein has also opened a Miami chapter of Common Threads, a program designed to inspire culinary prowess in underprivileged children ages 8-11.

Lea & Roy Black



CATEGORY Power Couples

COMPANY Black, Srebnick, Kornspan & Stumpf, P.A.

INDUSTRY Law / Philanthropy

WHAT MAKES THEM HAUTE He made a name for himself as one of the best criminal defense lawyers in the country, representing superstar athletes, political pundits, and Hollywood celebrities. She is a powerhouse fundraiser for at-risk youth,

a businesswoman in her own right, heading up her eponymous company, Lea Black Enterprises, and the star of *The Real Housewives of Miami*. This April, the couple hosted the 17th Blacks' Annual Gala to raise close to a million dollars for the Consequences Program. Together they fight for social justice and have raised well over \$10 million for the cause.

Chris Bosh & Adrienne Williams



CATEGORY Athletes/Power Couples

COMPANY Miami Heat

INDUSTRY Basketball

WHAT MAKES THEM HAUTE Chris Bosh has become one of the NBA's most beloved players. This "gentleman of the league" is a three-time NBA All-Star and helped bring home the gold medal for the USA National

Team in the Beijing Olympics. Aside from being part of "The Big 3" with LeBron James and Dwayne Wade, he is set to marry his beautiful fiancée Adrienne Williams this July. Williams is a permanent fixture on the social scene, most often involved in events that aid in the betterment of the community. She recently acted as chair for the Dress for Success gala and is very much involved in Bosh's eponymous charity, the Chris Bosh Foundation, which promotes social enrichment, education and physical fitness among youth.

through institutions like the Marino Autism Research Institute, which works with four universities, including Nova Southeastern in Davie and the University of Miami.

Pedro & David Martin



CATEGORY Originators
COMPANY Terra Group
INDUSTRY Real Estate

WHAT MAKES THEM HAUTE This father-and-son team is the brains behind Terra Group, which specializes in downtown Miami development projects like 900 Biscayne Bay and Quantum on the Bay. These new locales started a trend, and other condo buildings began popping. The Martins led Terra Group in getting the most bang for its buck with low acquisition prices on the Miami properties. Pedro is also on the board of directors for the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts, and Terra Group's developments are serving their parts in the revival of the area surrounding the center.

Keith Menin



CATEGORY Originators
COMPANY Sanctuary South Beach
INDUSTRY Hospitality / Development
WHAT MAKES HIM HAUTE Menin is a member of the Galbut family, which provided him both the means and the know-how to open his first hotel when he was just 24. But his heritage didn't guarantee success, that was

Menin's doing. He parlayed that venture into additional hotel projects, including the Mondrian South Beach, where he partnered with the established Morgans Hotel Group (the brand behind the Delano and Shore Club) for the company's first residential project. Menin's next move will be unveiling the remodeled Shelborne hotel where he spent his childhood running the halls. There's no question that under Menin's leadership, the Shelborne will reemerge as one of the city's hottest locales.

Lipe Medeiros



CATEGORY Originators
COMPANY The SoFi Property Group
INDUSTRY Real Estate
WHAT MAKES HIM HAUTE Lipe revolutionized the world of fashion in the 90's as the co-founder and CEO of Language, the first US lifestyle shop in NYC's Nolita, and winner of the prestigious FGI Rising Star award for

Best Luxury Fashion Store in the US. Nowadays, he is doing just that to the real estate business as the founder and president of The SoFi Group. By leveraging his expertise in all things luxury and his extensive connections to Brazil, Lipe has built The SoFi Group into an enviable brand in the Miami real estate world. Born in São Paulo, Brazil, Lipe spent 12 years living in NYC before moving to Miami full time in 2004. He brings an international flair and a refreshingly new perspective to South Beach and the real estate business.

Stuart Miller



CATEGORY Originators
COMPANY Lennar
INDUSTRY Construction
WHAT MAKES HIM HAUTE Using his years of experience and entrepreneurial wisdom, Stuart Miller's company, Lennar, the third largest home-builder in the nation, has been able to

beat Wall Street's estimates of its growth, with shares increasing 3 percent in mid-trading last quarter. Thanks to Miller's business sense, the shares of his rivals have also increased in value, which in turn helps grow the economy.

Stacy & Eric Milon



CATEGORY Power Couples
COMPANY Opium Group
INDUSTRY Nightlife

WHAT MAKES THEM HAUTE Credited with being a pioneer of the South Beach scene, Milon has a knack for all things haute. His eye for style and beauty led to the opening of Miami Beach nightclubs The Strand and The Living Room, which led to the founding of The Opium Group. In 2008, he founded the Milon Group with hotelier Justin Callen, which will open its first boutique hotel, Milon Reserve, in Panama this year. His wife Stacy is a staple on Miami's social scene, and she uses those connections in her role as a realtor associate with Douglas Elliman Florida.

Tracy & Alonzo Mourning



CATEGORY Power Couples
COMPANY Alonzo Mourning Charities
INDUSTRY Philanthropy
WHAT MAKES THEM HAUTE He announced his retirement from the NBA in 2009, and it was shortly thereafter that the Miami Heat proclaimed that No. 33 would be the first number retired at the American Airlines Arena.

He founded Alonzo Mourning Charities in 1997, which has since raised more than \$7 million to benefit children and families, with a focus on youth enrichment centers, including the Overtown Youth Center. His wife Tracy is a mentor, designer, broadcast journalist, and motivational speaker. For the charity, she focuses on the Honey Shine Mentoring program for at-risk girls.

Tom Murphy Jr.



CATEGORY Originators
COMPANY Coastal Construction Group

INDUSTRY Construction
WHAT MAKES HIM HAUTE To say you were Florida's youngest-ever licensed general contractor at the age of 19 is no small feat; to have co-founded a company like Seaboard Construction at 21 is even more impressive; and to be able to buy out your partners and sell said company to one of the largest builders in the world puts you on the Haute 100 list. Along with his brother, Murphy founded the Coastal companies, which includes Coastal Construction, Coastal Condominiums, Coastal Interiors, and Coastal Homes. In total, the company has more than \$1 billion in projects in the works, and Murphy oversees it all as chairman and CEO.

Gary Nader



CATEGORY Thinkers
COMPANY Gary Nader Fine Art
INDUSTRY Art

WHAT MAKES HIM HAUTE Haute Living named him "Miami's Master" of fine art in 2009 for Art Basel, and it's a title he still represents proudly. Nader is now catching our attention once again with a striking open-air installation in Downtown Miami. Both tourists and locals alike can

be caught snapping pictures of the amazing sculptures displayed as part of the inaugural Miami Sculpture Biennale. The gallery exhibits about 60 pieces worth millions of dollars and runs more than a mile along Biscayne Boulevard. With the help of curator Ricardo Pau-Llosa the two worked 14 hours a day for six months to make the installation possible.

Chad Oppenheim



CATEGORY Originators
COMPANY Oppenheim Architecture + Design

INDUSTRY Architecture
WHAT MAKES HIM HAUTE In the eight years since its inception, Oppenheim's firm has accumulated more than \$6 billion in projects and has won more than 14 American Institute of Architects awards. Today Oppenheim has partnered with Audi and landscape architect Enzo Enea to donate a new entrance to Simson Park, one of South Florida's last natural hardwood hammock ecosystems. The 5.5-acre park will receive further upgrades from Enea design, with plans to implement educational features in the future. In June 2010 the doors opened to the first ever Tree Museum by Enea, and Enea's Headquarters by Oppenheim, located in Rapperswil-Jona, Switzerland. The museum houses more than 2,000 trees amidst garden spaces that beautifully combine man-made and natural landscapes.

R. Donahue Peebles



CATEGORY Originators
COMPANY The Peebles Corporation
INDUSTRY Real Estate

WHAT MAKES HIM HAUTE As the CEO and chairman of the Coral Gables-based Peebles Corporation, Don Peebles is the owner of the largest African-American real estate development firm in the country. Peebles Corp. has teamed up with Mardi Gras Hotel and Casino and the JV, renaming themselves Mardi-Gras Inn Ltd. to develop a \$2 billion hotel and resort development project in Las Vegas. The joint venture will be located just half a mile from the Vegas Strip, the property will become the site of the Las Palmas Resort and Casino, which will be a fully operational convention center resort with two hotels.

Jorge Pérez



CATEGORY Originators
COMPANY Related Group
INDUSTRY Real Estate

WHAT MAKES HIM HAUTE Pérez's company has a tagline of "redefining cities and skylines," and it lives up to that reputation. Related Group has built more than 55,000 apartments and condos, and currently leads South Florida as the top multi-family developer. With big projects under his belt like the ICON Brickell and the Trump Hotel in Hollywood, Pérez is definitely a pioneer in the South Florida real estate market. Today he is teaming up with Donald Trump to build a new marketing campaign for the Trump in Hollywood. BHZ, Related Group and its lenders at HSBC have negotiated an excellent deal that all parties are pleased with to help bring more revenue to the Trump Hollywood.