



John E. Brown
Executive Vice President

John E. Brown has over 45 years of working experience in real estate, finance, and accounting. He began his professional career at Haskins & Sells, where he became a Certified Public Accountant, and in 1994, Brown became an Associate of The Bedford Group of Companies ("Bedford"). In 2010, Brown created Abaco Partners, LLC, a financial advisory service firm as a strategic partner of Bedford.

Brown is now an Executive Vice President at The Bedford Group of Companies, and the Managing Director of Abaco Partners, LLC. In addition, Brown is currently a shareholder, partner, director, and/or advisor to a number of profit oriented businesses, and real estate development projects.

During his career Mr. Brown has developed apartments, condos, townhomes and single family homes including affordable, senior and market rate housing across the country. Throughout his professional career, Mr. Brown has also advised or assisted in the placement of equity and debt to a number of business

enterprises, including but not limited to Founders National Bank, Bob Lott Productions, Honey's Kettle, Gorilla Life, Matah, Grenada Nutmeg Oil, The Tulsa Project, and African Trade Link and Expo.

From 2009 to present he has served as a director at Joseph Business School Los Angeles, a program for Christian entrepreneurs. Brown currently serves on the Social Entrepreneurship and Change Advisory Board for the Graduate School of Education and Psychology at Pepperdine University. Brown is also an active member of the Advisory Board of The Real Estate Associate Program (REAP), Los Angeles Chapter. Most recently, he joined the Board of Directors of Christian Foundation of the West, a Christian Community Foundation.

In terms of his mission, Mr. Brown is dedicated to the educational and professional development of minority real estate developers, entrepreneurs and community based organizations. He is recognized as a passionate mentor and teacher who enjoys giving his time to enhance the careers of many young urban professionals, executives and business leaders.

Mr. Brown is a graduate of California State University at Dominguez Hills (CSUDH). As a result of his professional and academic contributions, he has been the recipient of: *CSUDH Student Achievement Award*, the *CSUDH Outstanding Alumni Award* and an *American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Achievement Award*.

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