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### BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Honoring companies that came out on top

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# Businesses rise above in challenging times

Successful companies bear an entrepreneurial streak. They're born to seize opportunities, pivot to address challenges, and keep their company, workforce, stakeholder and customer needs central to their mission. ¶ Across the board, this year's Business of the Year honorees exemplify the opportunities, challenges and needs presented by the marketplace and society. That was before the pandemic placed even greater challenges - and, for some, opportunities - at their doorsteps. ¶ During what could have been calamitous times for any company, these organizations found a way to rise above and truly thrive. With double-, triple- or even quadruple-figure growth, and company cultures that remained intact when some others were losing theirs, these honorees showed how staying impassioned about the mission, vision and culture drives success in all circumstances. ¶ As the team at United Way put it: "Authentic passion is contagious." And it drives powerful results for entrepreneurial organizations. ¶ The 2021 Business of the Year honorees were celebrated at an Oct. 21 event at Jungle Island in Miami. Special thanks to corporate sponsors Atlantic Broadband, BankUnited and the Florida International University College of Business, and centerpiece sponsor AvMed.

## LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Winner: Tony Argiz, BDO USA .....23

## \$3 MILLION TO \$25 MILLION

Winner: Sextant Stays .....24

Finalists: PeakActivity, SpringBig .....25

## \$25 MILLION TO \$49 MILLION

Winner: Housing Trust Group .....26

Finalists: Ascendo Resources, Launch Potato .....27

## \$50 MILLION TO \$99 MILLION

Winner: KW Property Management & Consulting .....28

Finalists: Kelley Kronenberg, Professional Bank .....29

## \$100 MILLION TO \$399 MILLION

Winner: RGF Environmental Group .....30

Finalists: Ocean Bank, Verdex Construction .....31

## \$400 MILLION TO \$699 MILLION

Winner: Reef Technology .....32

Finalists: City National Bank of Florida, Fleet Advantage .....33

## MORE THAN \$700 MILLION

Winner: Moss .....34

Finalist: CSL Plasma, RV Retailer .....35

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Minority-Owned Business: Anthem South .....42

Woman-Owned Business: AirQuest Environmental .....44



## WINNER

# KW Property Management & Consulting

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**Managing director and co-founder:** Paul Kaplan

**Managing director and co-founder:** Robert White

**Managing director, operations:** Katalina Cruz

**Managing director, finance and technology:** Trycia Arencibia

Since opening in 2004, KWPMC's portfolio has grown to more than 90,000 units under management, ranging from upscale high-rise towers to garden-style apartments and stately homeowner associations. Its third Business of the Year honor reflects its place as one of the industry's and South Florida's fastest-growing companies.

**What's unique about your C-suite team?** The team all grew up in Miami and met as young CPAs over 20 years ago. Their families often go on vacations as a group.

**One team, one attribute:** True partnership in every sense

**If we could ask a question to one person, it would be ...** former General Electric CEO Jack Welch.

**Any unique traditions?** The executive team meets every other Tuesday, religiously, to discuss corporate strategy - yet we know when it's time to lighten the mood and enjoy ourselves.



COURTESY OF KW PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Company executives celebrate inclusion on the Inc. 5000.

## FUN FACTS

► Paul would rather be fishing.

► Robert gets great joy when riding "his-and-hers" Harleys with his wife.

► Kat has completed several half-Ironman triathlons in the U.S. and Costa Rica.

► Trycia bakes and designs bakery-quality cakes.