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**Urban Land Institute District Council Names  
MDM Group Principals Luis Pulenta and Ricardo Glas as  
2015 Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients**

**Vision Awards Dinner Slated for August 26<sup>th</sup> at JW Marriott Marquis Miami**

**MIAMI (March 17, 2015)** -- The Urban Land Institute's (ULI) Southeast Florida/Caribbean District Council today announced that the visionary principals of [MDM Group](#), Luis Pulenta and Ricardo Glas, will be the recipients of ULI's coveted 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award. MDM will be honored at the 2015 Vision Awards dinner and ceremony slated for August 26<sup>th</sup> at the JW Marriott Marquis Miami.

The principals of MDM Group were selected for the prestigious award in recognition of their transformative projects, which are the source of a high volume of investment and job creation, and help shape what today are some of Miami-Dade's most recognizable neighborhoods.

Founded in 1990, MDM Group began with the acquisition of the Miami Marriott Dadeland, along with the subsequent acquisition of the Datran I and II office complexes that same year. The development of the Courtyard by Marriott Dadeland in 2004 further stimulated the transformation of the Dadeland area, and MDM became a key catalyst towards the evolution of Dadeland into a vibrant business, retail and hospitality center.

In 1998, MDM Group embarked on the visionary development of the JW Marriott Hotel Miami (the first luxury-branded hotel on Brickell Avenue) and Barclay's Financial Center, a mixed-use center in the heart of the Brickell financial district. This project was also a catalyst, serving as the key factor in the overall development of the Brickell corridor.

Subsequent to that project, MDM pioneered the development of mixed-use communities within the downtown Miami central business district, with the unprecedented \$1 billion Metropolitan Miami project. Metropolitan Miami helped usher in a new, sophisticated identity for downtown Miami, beginning with the opening of the Met 1 condominium project in 2008; the completion of Met 2, which includes the JW Marriott Marquis Miami and Hotel Beaux Arts, along with Wells Fargo Center, both completed in 2010; and the recently-opened Whole Foods Market as part of Met 3. The last phase will be the soon-to-be under-development Met Square component, the crowning phase of Metropolitan Miami, which will feature a luxury high-end movie theatre, restaurants, retail outlets and residences.

MDM's latest project will help transform another area of Downtown Miami, with the development of the Marriott Marquis World Convention Center, an 1,800-room hotel and 600,000-square-foot convention facility on the site of the old Miami Arena, and adjacent to the Miami Worldcenter and All Aboard Florida projects.

"We are truly pleased to honor MDM Group's principals, Luis Pulenta and Ricardo Glas," said Mark Peterson, Chair of Urban Land Institute's (ULI) Southeast Florida/Caribbean District Council. "We are fortunate to be honoring individuals and an enterprise which has not only earned renown for an amazing body of work, but which will certainly continue to transform and impact our community with new achievements for years to come."

For more information regarding sponsorships, table reservations and individual reservations, contact the ULI Southeast Florida/Caribbean District Council office at 954-783-9504 or email Julie Medley ([julie.medley@uli.org](mailto:julie.medley@uli.org)). Registration for the August 26<sup>th</sup> event is open to the public.

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The Urban Land Institute is a non-profit research and education organization supported by its 34,000 members worldwide. Members represent the entire spectrum of land use and real estate development disciplines working in both private enterprise and public service. The ULI Southeast Florida/Caribbean District Council encompasses the seven counties along Florida's east coast from Indian River through Monroe Counties, as well as the Caribbean.