

Executive Vice President



Mr. Kenneth K. Hira serves as Executive Vice President for Kosmont Companies. An expert in retail development and strategies for retail attraction, Mr. Hira has over 25 years of varied experience in virtually every aspect of real estate financing, downtown revitalization, acquisition, entitlement, development, asset management and disposition. Mr. Hira's expertise is in identifying retail tenants and negotiating retail and mixed-use projects that can revitalize communities and assist in economic development/tax generation programs.

A former Executive Vice President of the Irvine-based mixed-use developer, Pacific Century Commercial, Mr. Hira managed a portfolio of over \$100 million of retail sites, while operating the commercial division of the company. Prior to this, as a Managing Director of Acquisitions for Westrust and a Vice President of Development at Lewis Retail Centers, he evaluated and underwrote hundreds of acres of land, successfully captured and negotiated anchor tenant commitments creating \$60 million of value in ground-up development and redevelopment and was responsible for 800,000 square feet of retail entitlement, design and development. As Vice President of GMS Realty, Mr. Hira entitled one million square feet of retail development projects, as well as led the acquisition of 24 neighborhood and community shopping centers, totaling 3.3 million square feet and valued at \$375 million, and organized a \$287 million recapitalization.

Mr. Hira holds a Bachelor degree in Economics and Business from UCLA, and is an active volunteer leader of the International Council of Shopping Centers. He serves as the ICSC Western Division P3 Retail Co-Chair, advocating public-private partnerships, while previously serving as the ICSC Southern California State Director, Program Committee Chair and Alliance Co-Chair.