



Steve Backman

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About Steve

With more than 20 years experience in Commercial Real Estate and Development experience, Steve Backman focuses on real estate development opportunities throughout the Arizona, Southern Nevada and California regions. His affluence in Western US development and redevelopment opportunities with and background in project feasibility, entitlements, project budgeting, finance, design and construction management are uniquely remarkable.

At VanTrust, Steve leverages his experience to oversee project feasibility, market analysis, site acquisition, entitlements, project budgeting and finance, and design and construction management for the Southwest Region with a focus on industrial, office, and multifamily opportunities.

Prior to joining VanTrust, Steve was President of Cardon Development Group in Phoenix, Arizona. At Cardon he led the day-to-day operations of the company while overseeing the execution of mixed-use and land development opportunities. Previous experience also includes Vice President of Development and Construction at Rouse Properties, a publicly-traded real estate investment trust (NYSE: RSE) with a focus on the redevelopment of regional enclosed malls, RED Development, a national leader in power centers, lifestyle centers and land developments. At the start of his development career, Steve oversaw development efforts for various retail and land developments across the Southwest and Midwest regions, including project feasibility, entitlements, project budgeting and finance, and design and construction management.

Steve remains active in the real estate industry through his involvement with NAIOP, ICSC, and Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC).

Professional Affiliations (Past and Present)

- ASU WP Carey School of Business Real Estate Advisory Board
- Co-Chair of the ASU Friends of Real Estate
- ULI Arizona Executive Board member
- ASU MRED Advisory Board member
- Member International Council of Shopping Centers
- Greater Phoenix Economic Council
- NAIOP - Arizona and South Nevada Chapters
- Community Building Consortium member

Significant Development Projects prior to joining VanTrust

Aspera – 750-acre land development and infrastructure	Glendale, Arizona
Chula Vista Center – 800,000 SF regional mall redevelopment	Chula Vista, California
Rayzor Ranch – 900,000 SF open-air mall and 400,000 SF power center	Denton, Texas
Paseo Lindo – 350,000 SF power center and land development	Chandler, Arizona
Village Pointe – 550,000 SF lifestyle center	Omaha, Nebraska
Prasada – infrastructure for two 600,000 SF power centers	Surprise, Arizona

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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering
University of Nebraska

Masters of Business Administration
University of North Carolina

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC)

NAIOP Arizona Chapter

NAIOP - South Nevada Chapter