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**KENNETH A. HIMMEL ADDRESSES KRAVIS CENTER CORPORATE PARTNERS AT BUSINESS SPEAKER SERIES**

**(West Palm Beach, Fla.)**

Kenneth A. Himmel, President and Chief Executive Officer of Related Urban, the mixed-use division of Related Companies and Managing Partner of Gulf Related, was the speaker for the second Kravis Center Corporate Partners Business Speakers Series event of the season. Members and guests were the first to see the new renderings for future designs at CityPlace and learn about other renowned large-scale mixed-use properties around the globe. The event was held on February 23rd in the Khoury Family Dance Rehearsal Hall in the Cohen Pavilion at the Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts.

Michael J. Bracci, President of Northern Trust Palm Beach/Treasure Coast Region and Chairman of the Kravis Center Board of Directors, welcomed members and guests.

“We are honored to have Mr. Himmel here with us today,” said Mr. Bracci. “Mr. Himmel is an expert in creating thriving developments that bring forth the energy and vitality of an urban destination that resonates with existing local lifestyle and culture. Under his leadership, Related Urban has captured the world’s attention with iconic, award-winning destinations that include CityPlace in West Palm Beach; Time Warner Center and Hudson Yards in New York; Grand Avenue redevelopment project in downtown Los Angeles; Related Santa Clara in Santa Clara, California; and The Galleria and Central in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

As Mr. Himmel described the complexities associated with developing each project, he provided an insight into several of his firm’s most extraordinary projects, including the largest luxury mixed-use development in Abu Dhabi. Gulf Related is currently developing and operating two major projects there: The Galleria on Al Maryah Island, a 355,000-square foot shopping and dining destination which opened in 2013 and Al Maryah Central, a 2.3-million square foot shopping center and an adjacent hotel and residential towers.

“With each development, it is always our desire to create a space within the neighborhood that both complements its surrounding environment and feels accessible to its community, while also providing an elevated sense of place for visitors and residents,” said Kenneth Himmel.

Mr. Himmel received a Bachelor of Science degree with distinction from Cornell University - School of Hotel Administration where he fosters ongoing mentorship and a Bachelor of Science degree from The College of William and Mary.

Kravis Center Corporate Partner members are the corporate and professional leadership in Palm Beach County whose mission is to support and enable the Kravis Center to continue its extensive education

and community outreach programs. Corporate Partner membership offers business leaders the opportunity to act as an integral part of the Kravis Center, building awareness of the Center within the business community. The Business Speaker Series is one of many benefits for this support level.

Completing the Speakers Series will be Charles Bronfman, retired businessman, co-founder of Birthright Israel, Historica Canada, former chairman of ACBP, the Andrea & Charles Bronfman Philanthropies, who will speak at noon on Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Kravis Center is a not-for-profit performing arts center whose mission is to enhance the quality of life in Palm Beach County by presenting a diverse schedule of national and international artists and companies of the highest quality, by offering comprehensive arts education programs, by providing a Palm Beach County home for local and regional arts organizations to showcase their work and by providing an economic catalyst and community leadership in West Palm Beach, supporting efforts to increase travel and tourism to Palm Beach County.

The Kravis Center is located at 701 Okeechobee Blvd. in West Palm Beach, FL.

For general information about the Kravis Center performances and events, or to inquire about Corporate Partner membership, please visit [kravis.org](http://kravis.org) or call 561-651-4320.

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