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Anthony Blanco was born in Miami and began his real estate career as a Controller for The Brandon Company, a shopping center owner and developer based in Miami (owner of Red Bird Plaza just outside Coral Gables). Recognizing his love of commercial real estate and the desire to take part in transactions and negotiations, Anthony moved into retail investment sales fifteen years ago. He was a Vice President at CB Richard Ellis in Miami as well as co-Managing Partner of a boutique investment sales firm. In his current position as Director of Investment Sales for The Shopping Center Group, the largest retail-only private services firm in the country, Anthony is responsible for the execution of retail property sale engagements throughout the Southeastern United States. Anthony has completed in excess of \$1.2 billion of commercial real estate transactions, representing over 10.5 million square feet. Some of Anthony's notable listing engagements in Miami include the sale of West Bird Plaza (Publix-anchored center at Bird Road and SW 117<sup>th</sup> Avenue), Country Walk Plaza (Publix-anchored center at SW 152<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and SW 137<sup>th</sup> Avenue), Northside Mall (NW 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue and NW 79<sup>th</sup> Street), and Tamiami Trail Shops (Publix-anchored center at SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street and SW 137<sup>th</sup> Avenue), among others. While working full time, Anthony earned a Bachelor of Accounting and Master of Taxation degrees from Florida International University in Miami, also while being a member of Beta Alpha Psi, one of the most prestigious honor societies for accounting and finance majors. Anthony holds a CPA license in Florida in inactive status and has been a speaker at the International Council of Shopping Centers conferences, a published writer on Real Estate Forum magazine and frequently quoted in a number of online trade articles such as Globe Street. Anthony is married, has two young daughters (ages 8 and 11) and has lived in Coral Gables for nine years. He has also lived in Puerto Rico, Costa Rica and Tampa. He enjoys traveling, spending time with family and friends, and playing tennis and golf.