
NEVE PANAMA

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP & DEVELOPMENT CONSORTIUM

A multidisciplinary team of entrepreneurs, real estate professionals, engineers, and architects advancing a master-planned residential community in Panama.

TEAM PROFILE

Leadership & Development Team

The Neve Panama consortium brings together complementary expertise in sponsorship, capital strategy, construction, architecture, urban planning, and project delivery.

1. SPONSORSHIP & EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP

Amir Epstein

FOUNDING PRINCIPAL

Amir Epstein is a Canadian entrepreneur, venture principal, and community leader with a background in law, cross-border operations, and multi-stakeholder project execution. He is the founding principal and managing sponsor of a premier residential development initiative in Panama designed for the international Jewish community. Epstein leads project conception, strategic capital structuring, and community integration, working with experienced regional builders, architects, and master planners to create secure residences with access to synagogues, schools, and kosher infrastructure.

His work in Panama is informed by proprietary insight into global Jewish demographic shifts and capital migration. As co-founder and Executive Director of Tafsik Organization, a Toronto-based civil-rights and advocacy non-profit founded in 2023, he spearheaded the Plan B Initiative, which evaluated jurisdictions including Florida, Israel, and Panama based on safety, legal frameworks, and community vitality. The initiative helped establish relationships with Panamanian civic leaders, rabbinical authorities, and local institutions, while developing a pipeline of international families exploring relocation and residential opportunities abroad.

Under Epstein's leadership, Tafsik grew from a two-person team into an 18-person organization supported by 80 volunteers. Its work includes a Legal Taskforce, Tafsik Helpline, Graffiti Watch, parliamentary advocacy, public education, inter-community coalitions, community-safety initiatives, and humanitarian programs. Tafsik has launched 15 lawsuits involving discrimination against the Jewish community and has been featured in more than 300 international articles.

In 2020, Epstein founded I Miss MONTREAL Food, later rebranded as I Miss My Food, transforming a single delivery vehicle into a nationwide specialty logistics operation with a 30-person fleet and dedicated freezer trucks. The company shipped iconic Canadian products, including goods from Schwartz's and St-Viateur, across the country. During COVID-19, its distribution network generated vital revenue that helped several restaurants avoid bankruptcy. The venture received national CBC coverage, dozens of media profiles, a promotional partnership with the Royal Bank of Canada, and a partnership offer on CBC's Dragons' Den, which Epstein declined to preserve independent growth.

With formal legal training and experience in commercial negotiations, regulatory compliance, and venture leadership, Epstein combines disciplined risk mitigation with a strong understanding of market demand to advance master-planned community development in Central America.

Orly Reitkop

PARTNER & STRATEGIC OPERATOR

Orly Reitkop is an entrepreneur, operator, and investor with more than 25 years of experience building, scaling, and acquiring businesses across technology, packaging, hospitality, and real estate. She has completed two successful business exits, including a high-seven-figure technology exit in 2021, and has spent much of her career building high-performing sales organizations, driving revenue expansion, and converting commercial opportunities into enterprise value.

Since her most recent exit, Orly has expanded her focus into acquisitions and real estate, including the acquisition and operational scaling of an established packaging business and participation in multiple real estate investment and development ventures. A growth-driven operator with sharp commercial instincts, Orly brings a hands-on methodology to capital strategy, corporate partnerships, and operational execution. She is deeply committed to Neve Panama, viewing the project as a unique convergence of real estate development, community infrastructure, and long-term value creation.

2. DEVELOPMENT & GENERAL CONTRACTING

AMIJAI GROUP

GENERAL CONTRACTOR & DEVELOPMENT PARTNER

With more than three decades of experience in the industry, AMIJAI Group has established itself as a benchmark in real estate development and construction across Panama. AMIJAI Group has led more than 30 real estate developments and completed more than 100 construction projects, distinguished by technical rigor, institutional-grade execution, and a consistent track record of exceeding client and investor expectations.

Samuel Gartner

CIVIL ENGINEER | BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & PRE-CONSTRUCTION

Graduated from Northeastern University, with construction experience gained at Turner Construction in Boston and Plaza Construction in Miami on luxury residential and office high-rises. He leads AMIJAI GROUP's business development, pre-construction, and sales efforts, supporting clients from initial concept through project completion with an emphasis on quality and cost efficiency.

Joseph Antabi

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION | FINANCE & OPERATIONS

Brings over 30 years of business administration experience. He managed his own company in the precious stones and gold industry for 11 years and served as director of a LOCATEL pharmaceutical franchise for 15 years. At AMIJAI GROUP, he oversees administration, corporate finance, and real estate sales, aligning project delivery with investor return criteria.

Moises Cohen

CIVIL ENGINEER | CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS

Graduated from Northeastern University, with construction management experience at Odebrecht USA and MLG Group in Panama. At AMIJAI GROUP, he manages all on-site construction operations, budget optimization, and scheduling, leveraging direct commercial partnerships with leading national distributors to ensure cost advantages.

SELECTED AMIJAI GROUP PORTFOLIO

- Condado Gardens Tower 100 & 200
- Zaita Park, Zaita Point & Zaita Woods
- Oceanfront Penthouses & Oceanfront JM
- Aremar, Solemar & Altamar
- Contadora ME & Santa Clara Homes
- Coronado Eskenazi & The Palace JC

3. ARCHITECTURE & MASTER PLANNING

Casis Mock Architects

LEAD ARCHITECTURAL FIRM

Established in 1984 under the leadership of Iván Casis Mitil following fifteen years of design and project management leadership, Casis Arquitectos built an acclaimed portfolio across public and private developments. Expanded in 2004 alongside his sons Iván, Juan José, and Gonzalo, the firm earned prestigious industry distinctions, including five SPIA Awards (including Project of the Year) and wide international publication. In 2018, the practice welcomed partner Ernesto Mock to form Casis Mock Architects, uniting four decades of local building mastery with advanced global design coordination.

Ernesto Mock

PARTNER & DESIGN PRINCIPAL

Ernesto Mock obtained his architecture degree from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo—consistently ranked among the top architecture programs in the United States—with international training in Mexico and Italy at the American Institute for Roman Culture. Over 17 years of global practice, Mock worked at premier international architecture firms including Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM), Arquitectonica, and for eight years at Frank Gehry and Associates, contributing to landmark projects including the UTS Business School in Sydney, Australia, and the Facebook Headquarters (MPK21) in Silicon Valley. Returning to Panama, Mock merges world-class architectural design, complex coordination, and disciplined execution with local knowledge.

Ricardo Riba

ARCHITECT & PROJECT MANAGER / DEVELOPMENT ADVISOR

Ricardo Riba is a Panamanian architect and executive from the prominent Riba Smith family, who pioneered modern retail in Panama in 1946 and today operates a leading national supermarket chain with 14 locations, reflecting generations of operational excellence and community trust.

In his architectural and urban planning practice, Riba's firm was commissioned by Panama's Ministry of Housing and Territorial Planning (MIVIOT) to execute the master zoning plan for Veracruz, Panama. For Neve Panama, Riba provides essential guidance in governmental land use, master zoning compliance, and the architectural coordination required to build a permanent, fully integrated community.