



# NAIOP GTA Q2 BREAKFAST EVENT PANELIST

## Adrian Rocca

CEO,  
Fitzrovia

Adrian Rocca is transforming the Canadian rental housing landscape as the Founder and CEO of Fitzrovia, the country's leading developer of purpose-built rental communities. With nearly 12,500 homes acquired, completed or in development and \$11 billion in assets under management, Rocca is reimagining urban living through family-focused design, integrated wellness, childcare, and hospitality-inspired service. A vocal advocate for policy reform, he works across sectors to address Canada's housing crisis and unlock institutional capital for long-term rental solutions. His leadership was recognized with the EY Entrepreneur of the Year Award, the Riley Brethour Leadership Award and the Waterstone Most Admired CEO award.

With 20 years of experience in real estate and principal investing, Rocca has overseen over \$30 billion in transactions across Canada, the U.S., and Europe. Before founding Fitzrovia, he led Tricon Capital's purpose-built rental and manufactured housing platforms, and held senior roles at Apollo Real Estate Advisors in London and Credit Suisse First Boston in Toronto and London.

Beyond business, Rocca supports national causes—co-creating “Great to Gold”, a data-driven fundraising initiative to support Canadian athletes at the Olympics, and funding major hospital expansions in Toronto. He serves on the board of the Canadian Olympic Foundation, Chair of the Michael Garron Hospital Foundation, Vice Chair of the Toronto Public Library Foundation, and Co Chairs the Hold'em For Life Foundation that supports cancer research. Rocca is building more than homes—he's shaping a strong, smarter and more resilient Canada.



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### Andrew Oliver

President and CEO,  
Oliver & Bonacini Hospitality

Andrew Oliver is the President and CEO of Oliver & Bonacini Hospitality Inc. (O&B), one of Canada's leading hospitality companies. O&B's portfolio includes celebrated restaurants such as Canoe, Biff's Bistro, and Auberge du Pommier, as well as landmark event venues like Arcadian and The Carlu.

Since his appointment in 2012, Andrew has led the company through a period of dynamic growth, establishing O&B as a national industry leader. Prior to taking the helm, he was instrumental in expanding the company's event business—broadening its venue portfolio and launching an off-site catering division that laid the groundwork for future success.

Andrew oversees all facets of O&B's operations, providing strategic direction and guiding the execution of restaurant, event, and catering initiatives. His background in hedge funds and private equity adds a sharp financial lens to his entrepreneurial leadership style. Between 2016 and 2019, Andrew oversaw the opening of more than 10 new restaurants and venues across Toronto, Montreal, Calgary, Edmonton and Halifax. In 2018, he also spearheaded the acquisition of Concorde Entertainment Group, effectively doubling the size of the company's restaurant portfolio.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Andrew co-founded Save Hospitality, a national coalition of independent restaurateurs lobbying for government support and reform. Andrew is also the founder of Jetson, a Toronto-based hyper-local office meal delivery platform focused on improving quality, speed, and consistency in urban food delivery.

In recognition of his leadership, Andrew was named one of Canada's Top 40 Under 40 in 2020 and one Toronto Life's 50 Most Influential Torontonians in 2024.



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## Arlene Dedier

Principal & Managing Director,  
Avison Young

With over 30 years of experience Arlene Dedier has an extensive background in architecture and construction in the commercial, industrial, retail, and hospitality industry she has a proven ability to direct ground up construction, tenant-fit out and renovation projects, leads Avison Young's Canadian Practice for workplace, and project management. Arlene began a career in architecture and real estate development following the completion of her architecture degree at Carleton University's School of Architecture.

From the start she has focused on managing the development, construction of tenant fit outs and base buildings, which allowed her to establish herself as a designer and project manager for a large US development firm. Prior to joining Avison Young she worked with Colliers, growing their private sector business in Canada substantially and JLL, leading their Hospitality business in the Mid-Atlantic, US.

Known as a firefighter, she is frequently brought into rescue projects by other firms, which have gone awry. Her ability to work seamlessly, with diverse teams from brokers to C-Suite stakeholders allows her to quickly determine a projects issue and find ways to solve them. For Arlene, every project is a puzzle, and the challenge is putting together a result that aligns with the client's operations, business, and real estate strategy. She is also the recipient of the Catalyst Canada Honours 2020 Business Leader award, which recognizes exceptional role models who are accelerating progress for women and diverse teams in the workplace. She currently sits as a Board Trustee for the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (RAIC) and a committee member of the Toronto CREW IDEA (Inclusion Diversity Equity & Allyship Committee) and Chair of Avison Young's ROOTS Employee Resource Group (ERG). 2023 Connect CRE Recipient of Canadian Women's Real Estate Award, 2025 WLI ULI Champion.



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### **Kevin Katigbak**

Principal and Strategy Director,  
Gensler

As the Strategy Director and Principal in Gensler's Toronto office, Kevin specializes in using placemaking to create inclusive, accessible, and sustainable environments. In his role, Kevin delivers workplace and design strategies to help his clients adapt to disruption and the changing nature of work.

For more than 20 years, Kevin has worked with innovative companies to help create and implement high-performance, people-focused spaces that capitalize on new technologies and cater to the shifting needs of employees. With a professional background that combines architecture, communications, user research, and business strategy, Kevin also leverages the insights gleaned from the Gensler Research Institute.