

2023 Ones to Watch Industry Leaders: Scott Shnay, SK Development

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Scott Shnay Principal

Number of years in CURRENT position: 17

Best advice for new leaders in 10 words or less: Be decisive. You can still succeed with a wrong decision, you can't if you don't make a decision.

3 skills that you use every day in your position: Negotiation, problem solving, patience.

Best book, podcast, or app for aspiring leaders: Out Of Office Podcast (Rich Kleiman / Boardroom)

What recent project, transaction or accomplishment are you most proud of? I am very proud of our ongoing revitalization of the Jacob Riis Park bathhouse. The restoration project will transform the historic but underutilized community gem into a modern beachfront hub, featuring a range of dining options, 28 hotel rooms, an outdoor pool, and event spaces expected to open in 2024. As a born and raised New Yorker, I am excited to see this iconic Queens landmark returned to its former glory.

What makes this nominee an Industry Leader? "Scott Shnay continues to inspire me with his project choices. The way he leads teams with an even keeled approach while maintaining a strong direction towards his vision and the vision of the architects, designers and consultants he collaborates with, is admirable and delivers phenomenal results. He is a pleasure to work with - making projects fun and creative." - Robert McKinley, CEO at Studio Robert McKinley.

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