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Meet the 2018 South Florida Power Leaders

Power Leaders continue to reflect dynamic South Florida marketplace

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This year, as in years past, the list of South Florida Power Leaders reflects a dynamic regional marketplace. Of the 153 executives on our list, 57 were not on last year's list.

Newcomers represent such sectors as construction, travel and tourism, regional business development and even pet supplies, which saw home-grown Chewy.com acquired for a rumored \$3.35 billion last year.

These Power Leaders not only steered their companies to prosperity, but they've helped the region thrive. On their watch, Palm Beach County's jobless rate dropped to 3.6 percent in 2017 from 5.1 percent in 2016, resulting from 21 relocations and expansions and capital investment of \$158.4 million facilitated by the **Business Development Board of Palm Beach County**. In Miami-Dade County, the Miami-Dade Beacon Council assisted 46 companies to create thousands of new jobs and generate \$209.7 million in new capital investment. In Broward County, the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance assisted companies in creating or retaining almost 4,000 jobs and securing \$256 million in new capital investment.

Growth drives new opportunity, however our list reflects stability. This year, eight Icons and 29 five-time honorees are profiled.

Together, they help drive a dynamic economy with a promising future.



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How has “luck” helped your career? Fortunately, my parents embodied the principles of honesty, hard work and integrity. Embracing these ideals has helped advance my career.

If you could ask one leader one question? Elon Musk: “Which big idea will he tackle next, and how did that get to the top of his list?”

Whose or what job would you want to have, and why? Comedian Dave Chappelle. It would be amazing to know how it feels to make people laugh so hard that they cry.