



Tony Cho

Social Entrepreneur, Real Estate Innovator & Community Builder

Tony Cho is founder and CEO of Metro 1, a forward-thinking real estate brokerage, management and development firm focused on shaping neighborhoods and developing sustainable cities in South Florida and beyond. The company has completed over \$2.5 billion in real estate transactions since 2005 and has been recognized every year since 2011 as one of the top 25 commercial real estate firms by *South Florida Business Journal*.

As an entrepreneur and early pioneer in Wynwood, Mr. Cho served as a founding member of the Wynwood Business Improvement District (BID), and championed the progressive rezoning of the area—known as the Wynwood NRD (Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan)—which transformed blighted streets into a diverse, 24-hour mixed-use arts and innovation district. Metro 1 is responsible for bringing favorite local businesses— including Zak the Baker and Junior and Hatter— into the neighborhood, and in 2012, he developed the Wynwood Gateway Complex, the one of the area’s most visible commercial developments.

Recently, Metro 1 Development, the development arm of the company, partnered with ***The Related Group of Florida*** to co-develop the first ever mixed-use micro-condo building in Miami targeting millennials and creatives. This innovative project will be located in Wynwood. Metro 1 is also in the final permitting stages of a dual-branded mixed use Marriott AC & Element Hotels in Brickell with Robert Finvarb Companies in front of the first phase of ***The Underline***, as well as additional projects throughout Florida.

Mr. Cho is a co-founder of the ***Magic City Innovation District***, which is transforming 18 acres of industrial warehouses and land in Little Haiti into a center for innovation, jobs and creativity. The multi-year, mixed-use project will help spur economic, social, and cultural growth while providing an access point for jobs in an underserved community. Cho was also a principal in the recently completed Rail 71 Project, an adaptive reuse warehouse project in Miami’s Little River District.

In 2011, Tony was awarded the prestigious Young Leader of the Year Award from the *Urban Land Institute* for his role in the redevelopment of Miami’s urban core neighborhoods.