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Industrial Powerhouses Join AQUILA Commercial Team

Industrial Real Estate Brokers Blake Patterson and Omar Nasser leave Peloton Commercial Real Estate, Join AQUILA

AUSTIN, TEXAS – AQUILA Commercial today announced Blake Patterson and Omar Nasser will join the company's industrial real estate team.

"We are extremely excited about bringing Blake and Omar onboard and truly establishing a dominant Central Texas industrial platform with project leasing, tenant representation and land brokerage capabilities," says Bart Matheney, Principal and founding partner at AQUILA Commercial. "Blake's longstanding tenure and knowledge in the marketplace and Omar's institutional ownership background in Austin and San Antonio will further strengthen the depth and breadth of services that AQUILA can provide to its clients."

Patterson, whose background in the Austin real estate market goes back nearly two decades, will join AQUILA as a Senior Vice President. He specializes in industrial leasing, acquisitions and dispositions.

Prior to joining AQUILA, Patterson served two years as a Senior Vice President at Peloton Commercial Real Estate. Previously, he spent eight years as a Vice President at HPI. His background also includes years with CBRE, Primus Real Estate and Insignia Financial Group.

Patterson's clients include Pool Corp, VanTrust Real Estate, RDO Equipment and MIG Real Estate.

Blake has been named a CoStar Power Broker and an Austin Business Journal Heavy Hitter multiple times throughout his career. He is a member of the Real Estate Council of Austin (RECA) and the Austin Regional Manufacturers Association (ARMA).

"Bart Matheney hired me for my first job in commercial real estate, and I'm grateful for this new opportunity to work with him and the amazing AQUILA team," says Patterson. "Omar and I are excited about joining forces with Leigh Ellis and Will Sikora on the AQUILA industrial platform, and we're ready to work hard and grow AQUILA's industrial brokerage presence in Austin, in Central Texas and beyond."



Nasser, who has 10 years of experience in commercial real estate, joins AQUILA as a Vice President. His specialties include industrial leasing and tenant representation.

He joins AQUILA after two years as a Senior Associate with the Peloton Commercial Real Estate team. Prior to Peloton, Nasser worked on the Prologis leasing team in Central Texas where he was successful in facilitating over 200 leases and sales totaling over \$300 million in transaction volume.

His clients include TJX Companies, Parts Tree, Evets Global and ATX Fulfillment.

In 2018, Nasser was named an Austin Business Journal Heavy Hitter and a CoStar Power Broker.

“We have worked hard to strengthen AQUILA’s industrial platform over the past few years, and adding Blake and Omar to the team will help further that mission,” says Leigh Ellis, Principal and industrial specialist at AQUILA Commercial. “I have long respected these industry veterans, and I am excited about the skills and experience they will bring to the team. Most importantly I look forward to how their expertise will benefit our clients.”

In addition to these two veteran additions, AQUILA hired Will Sikora as an Associate for the industrial platform in October 2018.

Sikora graduated from The University of Texas with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics in 2018 and began his real estate career as an intern with AQUILA prior to his graduation.

Interviews are available upon request. To schedule, please email little@aquilacommercial.com.

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About AQUILA Commercial

Founded in 2007, AQUILA Commercial is a recognized leader in Austin commercial real estate. Today AQUILA manages and leases over 8 million square feet of office, industrial and retail properties and has over 450 corporate tenant representation clients. AQUILA offers clients full-service real estate solutions, providing tenant representation, project leasing and asset, property and project management services for office, industrial and retail properties. For more information, visit: www.aquilacommercial.com.

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