



Robert M. Leyva

Director,
Asset Management

VanTrust Real Estate, LLC
Kansas City, MO

About Robert

As Director of Asset Management at VanTrust, Robert Leyva assists with maximizing the performance and value of VanTrust’s portfolio of real estate assets with a focus on implementation, quality assurance and reporting, to ensure the team meets or surpasses VanTrust’s expectations. Additional responsibilities include coordination with municipalities and the management of vendors, consultants, and contractors.

Robert brings with him a myriad of project experience and distinction in the realm of hospitality. Prior to joining VanTrust, he served as a consultant to the firm throughout his tenure as General Manager of Hotel Sorella Country Club Plaza and directly influenced key hotel developmental elements. Prior to that, Robert managed operations for Hotel Valencia Riverwalk in San Antonio. He brings with him more than 15 years of experience in boutique / luxury hotels and fine dining restaurants.

In addition to Robert’s ability to quickly establish trusting relationships with ownership groups and employees alike, he showcases a long list of honors, including achieving #1 ranking against all Kansas City area hotels (as ranked on TripAdvisor, the #1 consumer rating website for hotels), averaged above a score of 92% guest satisfaction for Valencia Group (the highest in the company), achieved 132% RevPar penetration by year two in the STAR report, an industry benchmarking tool, was awarded 2017 Best Hotel, Gold Award from Ingram’s Best of Business Kansas City and 2017 Conde Nast Traveler top 10 hotels in the Midwest award.

In his community, Robert has served as Executive Board Member, President-Elect for Kansas City Hotel Lodging Association, Executive Board Member for Derrick Johnson’s Defend the Dream Foundation, and Executive Board Member for the University of Texas San Antonio Alumni Association. He also coaches youth football, basketball and soccer in Shawnee, and still finds time to contribute to Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts of America.

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EDUCATION

The University of Texas San Antonio
Bachelor of Business, Tourism Management

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Executive Board Member, President-Elect,
Kansas City Hotel Lodging Association
served 2013-2017

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

Executive Board Member, Derrick Johnson’s
Defend the Dream Foundation, Kansas City
2016-2017

Executive Board Member, University of
Texas San Antonio Alumni Association
2010-2012

Board Member, Chalk It Up! Artspace, San
Antonio, Texas

Board Member, Lambda Chi Alpha San
Antonio Alumni Association

Significant Development Projects at VanTrust

Hotel Sorella Country Club Plaza	Kansas City, MO
Park Place Village	Leawood, KS
51 Main	Kansas City, MO
Peak 16	Phoenix, AZ
Village at Aspen Place	Flagstaff, AZ
The Kessler Residences at Meadowbrook Park	Prairie Village, KS
The Inn at Meadowbrook Park	Prairie Village, KS