



GAETAN BUCHER – CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Gaetan Bucher is founder and Chief Executive of the Independent Financial Centre of the Americas. A visionary entrepreneur and financier, Mr Bucher brings 15 years of experience in the international banking and finance sectors to become architect of the world's first independent, purpose-built financial centre.

Born in the Dominican Republic and educated in Europe, Mr Bucher holds dual citizenship in both his native country and Switzerland. He earned his Bachelor of Arts' degree in International Relations from Schiller International University in Switzerland.

Mr Bucher launched his career in international banking and finance as a statistician and analyst with The Capital Group in Geneva. There he pioneered accounting and benchmarking platforms based on innovative information technologies. In 1994, he joined Pictet & Cie, one of Switzerland's largest private banks. Subsequently, he went on to found his own private banking and wealth management practice in Geneva.

Under Mr Bucher's strategic direction, the Independent Financial Centre of the Americas is advancing from concept to reality with a boldly innovative approach. Adopting a comprehensive planning process over a five-year-period, Mr Bucher founded a research and development organization to create a new model for the operation of international financial centres based on global best practices.

In an area half the size of Manhattan, the Centre will offer the ideal environment for corporate and investment banking, private banking, asset management and other financial services as well as a clearing and settlement platform for the Americas. Based on superior infrastructure, the Centre will also include an extensive metropolitan development with housing, hotel amenities, international schools, medical facilities, and a convention center.

Through his vision, Mr Bucher is transforming the financial centre marketplace and creating a new global standard: A forward-looking model for international finance in the 21st century that makes business safer, more efficient and therefore more profitable.

Mr Bucher has also served on several company boards, including: Banco del Progreso and Proseguros, two leading financial institutions in the Dominican Republic, and non-profit organizations such as Fundación Ceres, Fundación Violeta Martínez, and Fundación Juan Manuel Taveras Rodríguez.