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the Aequo Fund

Leveling the Playing Field for Real Estate Development

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about Aequo

[Ā-kwō]

Aequo: verb, Latin to level, to be equal

The Aequo Fund was established to level the playing field by providing capital, access, and support to black, brown, women, and immigrant developers so that they can be part of shaping our cities and neighborhoods.



the fund

Funding the Underestimated

The Aequo Fund invests in Black, Brown, Women, and Immigrant Real Estate Developers, enabling them to launch their first project or expand their portfolios, with a focus on projects that promote affordable homeownership in urban communities.

The Aequo Foundation will provide scholarships beginning Fall 2023 for future developers from non-traditional backgrounds seeking Masters Degrees in Real Estate.

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active
projects

projects
completed

capital deployed

sales proceeds

Aequo Developers

Hear Their Stories

Learn the stories of the Aequo
Developers through short
documentaries highlighting their
journey into real estate development



DEVELOPER DOCUMENTARIES

Locations

The Aequo Fund invests in Baltimore, Maryland; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Buffalo, New York; Memphis, Tennessee; Richmond, Virginia; and Portland, Maine.



Memphis
Tennessee



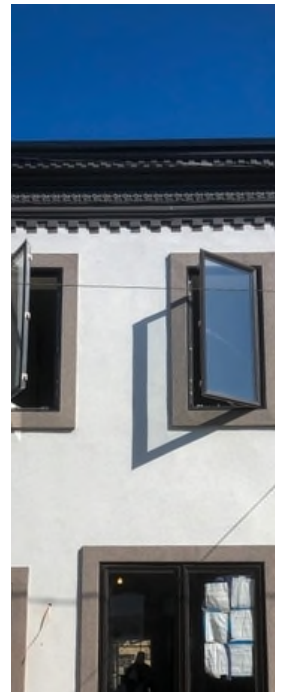
Portland
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Baltimore

Maryland

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behind the fund

Ernst Valery

Equity and inclusion is a passion for Ernst Valery. A successful real estate

Virginia, California, and New York., Ernst is committed to development without displacement. He is also active in social entrepreneurship and volunteer work, including a collaboration with MIT CoLab and efforts incubating businesses around the world, with a focus on alleviating poverty and increasing the earning potential of low income individuals, families, and communities.



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press

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We are grateful that the work of our Developers, Investors, and the Aequo Fund as a whole does not go unnoticed. Leading publications have spoken about Aequo's impact within our target communities and beyond

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more cities

Jun 6, 2022, 7:17am EDT

A local private investment fund focused on supporting minority developers and bringing new development to underserved neighborhoods is expanding to more U.S. cities as it marks its first anniversary.



TASHA DOOLEY
Ernst Valery is managing partner of SAA | EVI in Baltimore.

The Aequo Fund created by high-profile developer Ernst Valery is poised to start investing in long-ignored communities in Memphis, Chicago and Charlotte, North Carolina alongside ongoing work in Baltimore and several other cities. Valery said the fund is expected to grow to \$10 million in the coming year through reinvestment and new

[Developer Enrst Valery's Aequo Fund plans exansion to more cities](#)

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