



MARCEL ARSENAULT

Real Estate Entrepreneur & Philanthropist

Marcel Arsenault is CEO and Chairman of [Real Capital Solutions, Inc.](#), a highly entrepreneurial real estate company he founded in 1984. One of the most active private owners of commercial real estate in the western United States, he has driven more than 365 real estate investments totaling approximately \$3.5 billion. Marcel approaches the business from an academic perspective, constantly analyzing the industry to better understand the story behind the story of real estate cycles, and describes himself as a “real estate theorist who lives in the real world.” His expertise has been recognized in *INC Magazine*, *Colorado Real Estate Journal*, *TIME Magazine* and *Bloomberg News*.

Marcel passionately applies his entrepreneurship and drive for impact to global philanthropy. With his wife Cynda Collins Arsenault, he is the co-founder of Arsenault Family Foundation, [One Earth Future Foundation \(OEF\)](#), and [Secure World Foundation](#). In 2019, they joined the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation’s [Giving Pledge](#), committing to donate 96% of their wealth to their philanthropy. In 2009, Marcel and Cynda endowed OEF with the belief that solving complex problems facing humanity calls for a fundamentally different way of working together. As Founder, Chairman, and CEO, Marcel steers OEF toward his vision of an Earth beyond war, achieved through effective systems of collaboration and cooperative governance. To address problems as complex as war, OEF operates as a global portfolio of peacebuilding [programs](#), each of which is designed and incubated as a sustainable solution to a specific problem.

Born in Canada, Marcel earned a Bachelor’s Degree with Honors in Genetics at McGill University, 1964-1968, and completed 4 years of study (ABD) towards a Ph.D. in Molecular Biology at University of Colorado Boulder, 1968-1972. Marcel and Cynda live in Colorado.

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