**FINANCIAL SERVICES**

Danielle Milota has been named as senior vice president, head of capital markets and investor relations at CGI Merchant Group, a private-equity, alternative investment manager focusing on commercial real estate and infrastructure in Miami. Milota was director of fixed income at Credit Suisse Securities (USA) in New York.

Barbara Fernandez, who is consumer financial services partner at Hinshaw & Culbertson, has been named partner-in-charge of the Coral Gables/Miami office of the firm. She has a bachelor’s from Florida International University and a J.D. from the University of Miami.

**HEALTHCARE**

At AvMed, two new senior vice presidents have been named. Both will be based in Miami:

- **Christine Shipley**, senior vice president and chief people officer, is responsible for leading the company’s human resource functions. She most recently was at Johns Hopkins Medicine International, where she led HR functions. Shipley has a BBA in information technology from Loyola College in Maryland and a master’s in management from Johns Hopkins.

- **Catherine “Ashley” Allen**, senior vice president, chief strategic growth and marketing officer, will oversee the company’s enterprise growth and profitability strategy. She was vice president of sales and marketing at Health New England. Allen has a bachelor’s in advertising, and an MBA/master’s in health science, from the University of Florida.

**TOURISM | TRAVEL**

Tracy Vaughan has been named senior vice president of tourism & travel industry sales at The Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau. She was director of global market development for the tourism division at the Georgia Department of Economic Development. Vaughan has a business degree from the University of Texas.

**REAL ESTATE**

Ilenea de la Torre has been named sales director of Arte by Antonio Citterio, a luxury condo development in Surfside. She previously led sales at the Four Seasons Hotel Residence at the Surf Club.

**SCHOOLS**

Alan Blass has been named director of finance at Scheck Hillel Community School in North Miami Beach. He has been the deputy chief investigative auditor for the New York City Department of Investigation. Blass, a CPA, has a bachelor’s in accounting from Brooklyn College.

**INVESTMENT**

David L. Gay has joined the Miami office of Carlson Fields as a shareholder. He is a member of the firm’s bankruptcy and creditors’ rights section of the national trial practice group. Gay was at Berger Singerman.

**ART & ENTERTAINMENT**

Mover’s spotlight

Name: Curtis Crider

New position: General manager of Jungle Island

From: General manager at the Sonesta Coconut Grove.

About Jungle Island: It is seeking to reinvent itself into an eco-adventure theme destination, which will include a hotel and new attractions.

Also: Crider sits on a number of executive boards including the Greater Miami and the Beaches Hotel Association and the Coconut Grove Arts Festival and Historical Society. He was a member of the Grove Chamber of Commerce, where he was vice president for two terms.

Best advice: One of the best pieces of advice I ever received was from a mentor who implored me to always uphold my team to a certain level of standards, to not accept mediocrity, and to follow my passion. This is something I’ve lived by throughout my career.