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Private equity sponsored entrepreneur specialized in making credit accessible to small and middle market companies in disadvantaged sectors. James is founding partner and CEO of Acrecent Financial and of the '**LIFT Puerto Rico Business Impact**' *credit funds that serve hundreds of proven but overlooked businesses* principally in Puerto Rico. James has raised over \$350 million in equity and debt through various mechanisms and from multiple sources including its largest institutional investor, Darby Private Equity, a division of Franklin Templeton Investments. He has led the deployment of over \$2 billion in credit access to SMEs throughout his career. Prior to forming Acrecent, he worked 9 years for GE Capital, where he became President of its Puerto Rico & Caribbean operations, leading the team in growing the portfolio to over \$1 billion in assets and over 3000 customers. He holds an MBA from Columbia University and a BS from Purdue University. He is a tireless promoter of expanding an entrepreneurial mindset and access of private credit and equity as the principal thrusts of prosperity and economic justice for underdeveloped communities.