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The 10TH ANNUAL POWER⁵⁰ YEAR of CHANGE

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Thomas Fung
Chair & CEO, Fairchild Group
When Thomas Fung, 58, launched his newly expanded 90,000-square-foot Aberdeen Centre four years ago, many eyebrows were raised. With close to a quarter of the mall filled by shops owned by Fung's Fairchild Group, people focused on his "deep pockets" instead of being skeptical about his business acumen. Judging from Fung's latest venture, adding 160,000 square feet of retail and office space in another glassy tower, named

become a hugely influential document among politicians and other decision-makers.



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Tamara Vrooman
Chair, Vancity
Vrooman's been ably steering Vancity Credit Union through an economic hurricane. Profits were up for 2009 and negative headlines were down. Vrooman has even got the credit union financing innovative projects to create affordable housing. At the 60 West Cordova site next to Woodward's, Vancity is teaming up with

"We threw the HST up in the air, and we promptly fell on our faces." Easy for him to joke about it. But it's now hard to imagine that Hansen, the second-most-unpopular member of the government thanks to his association with the Hated Sales Tax, will ever get to sit behind the big desk.



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Michael Audain
CEO, Polygon Homes and the Audain Foundation for the Visual Arts
The City's involvement, at last, in the Vancouver Art Gallery's work to secure a new site is largely due

with Li Ka-shing, one of Asia's richest men, who originally purchased the old Expo 86 lands. The Hui family bought a controlling interest in Concord Pacific Place in 1992, and Hui has steered it ever since. It may be another decade before the northeast section of False Creek is built out; in the meantime, Concord Pacific has projects in Toronto, Calgary, Porteau Cove, and the Okanagan—which Hui oversees when he isn't kite-boarding, kayaking, or mountain biking.



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Robin Silvester
President & CEO, Port Metro Vancouver
As we embark on the Asian century, Vancouver businesses are primed to take advantage of Canada's gateway to the riches across the Pacific. Robin Silvester, like Larry Berg at YVR, is a key architect of that new economic focus. Since taking over Port Metro Vancouver's helm in 2009 from Gordon Houston, he's been buying up key pieces of waterfront; he isn't opposed to reworking the coastline, either. "Right now, we dredge a million cubic feet of sand out of the Fraser River every year," Silvester recently noted. "We could use some of that dredged material to create new land and to create new environmental habitat. That potentially gives us the opportunity to redraw the map."

"The greatest change in Vancouver was the public, who proved that with access to adequate infrastructure, they'll use transit and leave their cars behind" —Carole James

Aberdeen Square, adjacent to the existing Aberdeen Centre, and the presale of three-quarters of the units in a single weekend, Fung has transformed himself from beneficiary of his late father's legend to the family torchbearer.

Habitat for Humanity and private developer Ian Gillespie to create a building geared to local homeowners, not speculators, with prices low enough that service workers could afford to buy. Vrooman also stepped in to save the daycare operating in the Citygate complex next to Vancity's head office. And she still managed to dance until 3 a.m. at the annual staff party.

to the enormous influence of VAG board members David Aisenstadt and Michael Audain. With their help, the gallery has already raised \$90 million for the new building. Audain's commitment to the local arts scene displays a Warren Buffet-esque attitude. Indeed, his children don't stand to inherit much of the massive fortune he accumulated under Polygon; Audain plans on giving it all away. Polygon has slowed since 2009 but is still building thousands of homes in the suburbs; Audain has relinquished the reins but still works for the company.



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Paul Taylor/Lara Dauphinee
Chief of Staff / Deputy Chief of Staff
Through a decade as premier, Gordon Campbell has maintained a small, rotating cast of ministers and advisers in his innermost circle. Until recently, his senior political adviser was Martyn Brown, whom Campbell turfed from his office after Brown testified at the BC Rail trial, replacing him with Paul Taylor (the former ICBC CEO). In a government as tightly controlled and



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Faye Wightman
President & CEO, Vancouver Foundation
As head of the Vancouver Foundation, Wightman oversees a \$660-million community fund—the largest in Canada—from which tens of millions are distributed each year to charities throughout B.C. Prior to joining the foundation in 2005, Wightman was president of BC Children's Hospital Foundation, served as executive director for Sunny Hill Foundation for Children, and was campaign director for the United Way of the Lower Mainland. Wightman oversaw the development of the foundation's Vital Signs report, which gauges happiness in Metro Vancouver and has



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Colin Hansen
B.C. Minister of Finance
Colin Hansen's decade-and-a-half in provincial politics can be divided into two eras: before July 23, 2009, and after. The first stretch included a turn as one of the better-prepared members of the Opposition; then stints at the cabinet table with the ministries of health, economic development, and finance. After July 2009, when the HST was introduced, everything changed. Gordon Campbell put it this way, recently:



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Terry Hui
President, Concord Pacific
The recession staggered some local developers, but Terry Hui—who's spent almost two decades transforming the north side of False Creek—has seen it all before. He comes from a hugely wealthy family and was allied in the early days