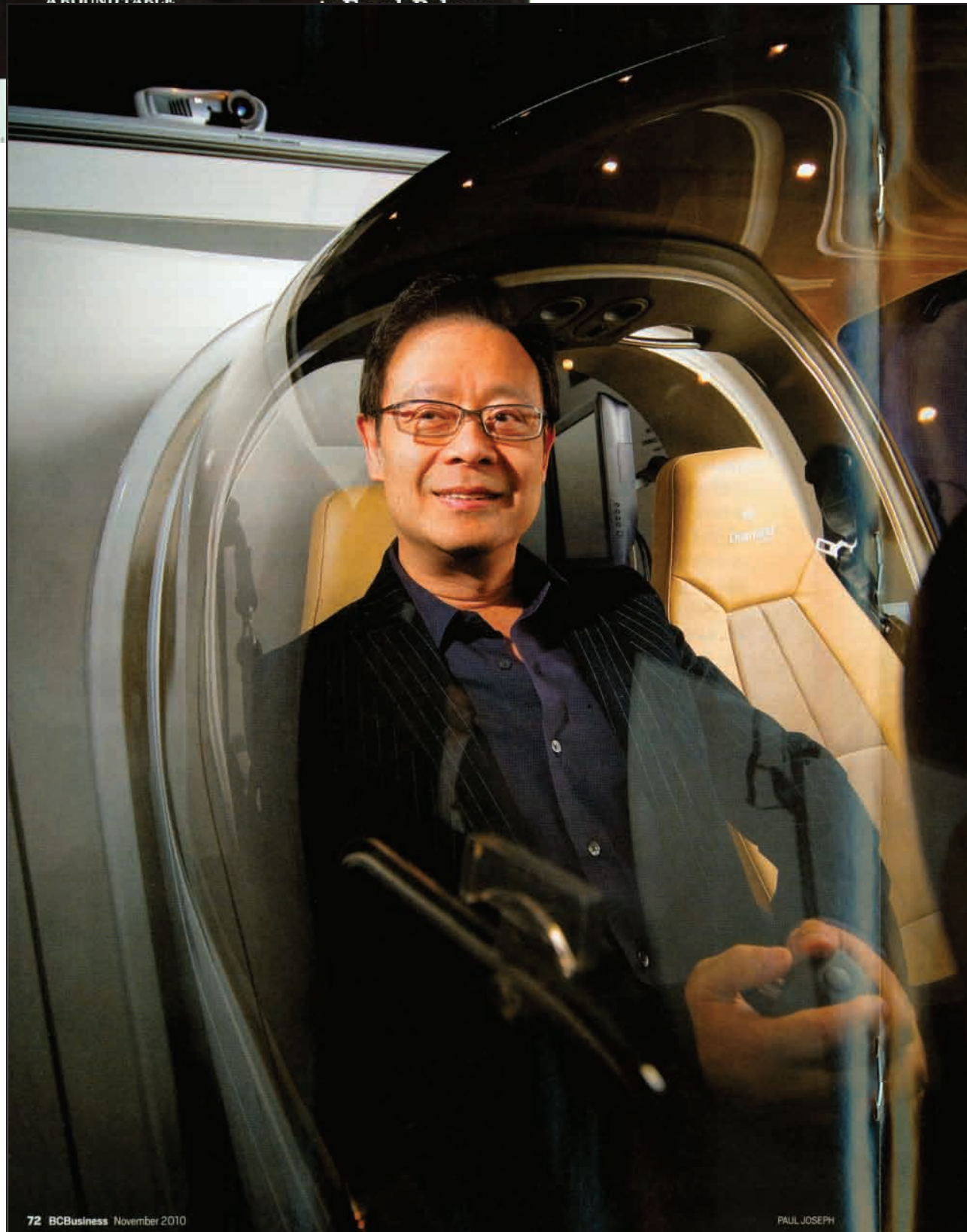


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I love doing something with a creative element, something unique that doesn't really have any precedent to follow. When I started in the media business, I had no previous experience at all. The shopping mall, I never did that before. And lately, the flight training centres, building airplanes – even though I've had a pilot's licence for 30 years, I had never run a business with that before. Restaurants, a lot of retail business – I learned by doing.

There are so many opportunities, but the ones I pick over the years are the ones where I can utilize some of my creative abilities, from starting up, designing the logo, copywriting, selection of merchandise, writing manuals for restaurants, even the overall design and layout on buildings. It's like going to school every day. I love that.

I work days and nights, odd hours, weekends. I travel so much. Sometimes my wife will ask me, Why don't you stop? My colleagues, my friends, my classmates – most of them retire at my age, but I keep going and even speed up because it keeps me energetic and looking younger than my friends! ■