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Completing high school in Vancouver after emigrating from Hong Kong, Bing Thom has a Bachelor's degree in architecture from the University of British Columbia, and a Master's in urban design from the University of California, Berkeley. His 1992 Canadian Pavilion at the Seville's World's Fair was named best design, and the UBC's Chan Centre has earned respect from musicians world-wide as one of the finest concert halls constructed in the 1990s. A senior leader of Vancouver's business community, Bing Thom is also a thoughtful and principled public commentator on urban affairs. As artful city-builder, his global reputation has risen in consort with that of Vancouver, the city he has done so much to protect, and to improve.

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1. HOMER AT SMITHE CONDOMINIUM/OFFICE TOWER, 1992
This small gem combines refined detailing with one of Vancouver's best small public spaces, and anticipated the area-transforming 1991 Downtown Plan. The tower mixes 5 storeys of offices - retail with 21 floors of apartments in a Hong Kong - inspired thin tower format.

2. SURREY CENTRAL CITY, 2003
An all-new downtown for a fast-growing Postwar suburb, this 150,000 sq. m. hybrid of a university branch campus, office tower, and public spaces are set atop and beside an existing shopping centre. The dramatic engineered wood structural elements are by Fast + Epp. Awarded 'world's best urban development prize' at MIPIM 2004.

3. ABERDEEN CENTRE, 2004
This high-end Asian-oriented shopping centre wrapped in sinuous coloured glass mixes shopping, living, eating, and entertainment at a key transit hub. The curvilinear forms grew out of a re-design of streets for this site, plus Bing Thom's own longstanding formal interest in radial geometries.

4. SUNSET COMMUNITY CENTRE, 2008
Vancouver is blessed with City-run recreation centres for citizens in all income groups and neighbourhoods. Reconciling urban, social and landscape forces with a voluptuous contemporary form, ribbed inside with tilt-up concrete walls, Sunset Centre drifts serenely through this Punjabi Market area park.