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East meets West

The new Aberdeen Centre opens in December, and owner Thomas Fung predicts it will be a mall like no other

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If sunlight promotes growth, employees at the new Aberdeen Centre will add two inches in their first year on the job.

The building, located near the corner of No. 3 and Cambie roads and slated to open in December, is awash in natural light. Unlike conventional malls—which tend to exist in windowless denial of the outside world—the entire structure is cloaked in glass.

It is the vision of Thomas Fung, and an example of what you get when you combine business savvy, money and a creative mind. His family fortune is in securities, banking and trading. But his interests led him to New York University, where he studied graphic design, as well as TV and film production.

“That’s my basic nature,” says the Vancouver resident and sole owner of Fairchild Group, a company involved in media, real estate and retail. “I like art and creativity, but because of family business...that’s why you have to go that way—whether you like it or not.”

A recent addition to the Aberdeen project is a nine-storey, 155 unit hotel, which brings the total budget to \$130 million.

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