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ABOUT BC500

BC500 features business leaders who have a notable impact on B.C.’s communities, industries and economy. They are visionaries, innovators and trailblazers. They embody the values of modern leadership: engagement, trust, corporate citizenship, inclusion and innovation. Some of them are household names; some of them are well known within their industries. All of them influence life and business in British Columbia.

HOW WE DID IT

Selecting the inaugural cohort for our BC500 magazine was a challenging and time-intensive task. BIV’s decision process was editorially driven and based on input from our editorial team, months of research and in-depth conversations with stakeholders.

We began by identifying sectors that are important and relevant to British Columbia’s economy. These were separated into more than 50 unique categories. Our team then proceeded to research prominent companies, organizations and individuals within those categories.

Inclusion on the list is not limited to professional success. BIV considered a number of factors, including achievement within an organization or sector, professional contributions, peer recognition, awards and other recognitions, board appointments, community and political engagement, philanthropy and non-profit work, and more.

Currently elected politicians are excluded from the list, with the exception of Indigenous political leaders, many of whom are directly responsible for economic development initiatives and the management of corporate and business entities.

In the years ahead, the BC500 list will no doubt evolve to mirror changes in B.C.’s economy. Our thanks to those who were involved in the creation of this publication, and to the hundreds of individuals who submitted content to inform the profiles on the pages ahead.

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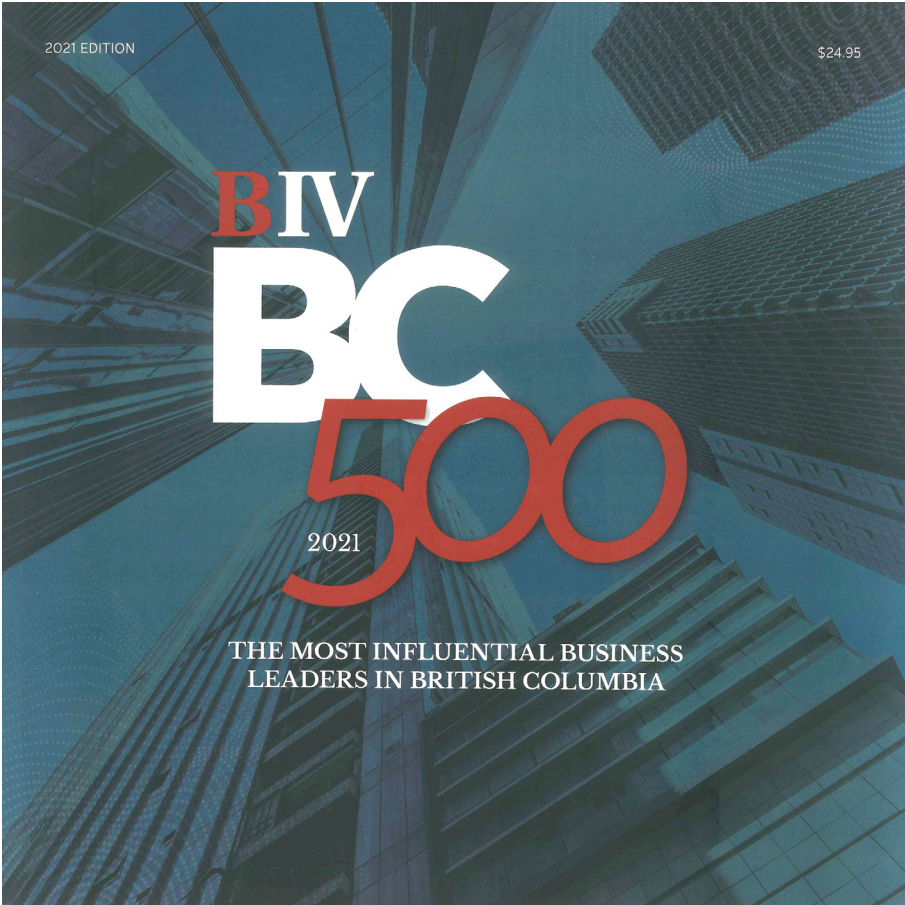
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