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**Thomas Fung**  
Founder & CEO,  
Fairchild Group

On his latest whirlwind business tour of Asia (stops in Hong Kong, Beijing, and Shanghai; Japan's next), Fung checked in on the opening of the Beijing branch of Chef Hung Taiwanese Beef Noodle, an award-winning chain that he owns world rights to outside hometown Taipei. Chef Hung is just one of the tenants of Fung's Aberdeen Centre, the Asian-themed Richmond mall he's upgrading and connecting into one Metrotown-worthy mega-mall this year. (He owns 15 percent of mall tenants.) Having sold out the 160,000-square-foot Aberdeen Square expansion this year, Fairchild's real estate arm is staying liquid until the economy calms down and the time's right to pounce on undervalued property; in the meantime, a new digital-TV network is on the horizon. **What's the toughest decision you ever had to make?** It took me a while to decide if I should stay in serious business or steer myself into the playboy lifestyle.

"kitchen cabinet" around Robertson. **What's the smartest move you've made?** Solomon: Work on my inner life as the core of my career work. Newell: Activating the bulk of my resources to accelerate a regional green economy.



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**John McLernon**  
Chairman, Streethome Foundation

Quarter-century head of real-estate powerhouse Colliers Macaulay Nicolls, he clearly doesn't get the meaning of "retire." In addition to his ongoing consultancy, he's headed some robust (if troubled) entities, including BC Rail (invited by former Marathon Realty colleague Gordon Campbell) and the BC Lottery Corporation, which under his term instituted the online gambling portal PlayNow; in the last year, PlayNow has increased weekly limits from \$120 to \$9,999 (a dollar shy of the watchdog threshold)—one reason Victoria expects a \$50 million e-gambling profit over three years. The house wins another way, as McLernon's influential Streethome Foundation sees over 1,000 units for the homeless come to reality after years of delay, thanks in part to \$20 million in private donations leveraging \$205 million from the province and \$32 million in land from the city. **Who should be #1 on this list?** Mayor Gregor Robertson.



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**Frank Giustra**  
President & CEO, Fiore Financial

The son of a Sudbury miner, Giustra was born with a nickel spoon in his mouth, acquiring a taste for minerals, and the markets, at an early age. After stints as a stockbroker at Merrill Lynch and Yorkton Securities, he became chairman and CEO of Yorkton before becoming chairman of Endeavour Financial, a merchant

bank that finances mining companies. Internationally recognized for the global initiative he supports with former president Bill Clinton, he's also contributed (through his Radcliffe Foundation) to dozens of worthy causes, sometimes publicly (BC Children's Hospital, Canuck Place, Greater Vancouver Food Bank, Streethome Foundation, Haiti earthquake relief), often quietly. Able to raise a small fortune with a phone call, he's behind several new deals each year, and though he no longer has the batting average he once did, he's made countless friends and associates rich. If you're planning to do a mining deal, you go talk to Frank. **Who should be #1?** Judy Graves (see pg. 43).



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**Brandt Louie**  
Chairman and CEO, London Drugs

When Brandt Louie walked onto the stage at the Vancouver Board of Trade governors' banquet last spring to accept the Rix Award for Engaged Community Citizenship, the room gave the much-admired chairman of London Drugs a heartfelt standing ovation. The list of boards Louie serves on includes the Royal Bank and the World Economic Forum; his philanthropy in support of science, health, and the arts is said to exceed \$100 million. Notoriously private and humble, Louie rarely grants interviews about his extraordinary business success or his lifelong penchant for philanthropy. Suffice to say that the wisdom he's gathered growing the company his grandfather founded at the turn of the last century has made him a pillar of the city.



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**Joseph Segal**  
President, Kingswood Capital

After serving overseas in World War

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