

# Industrial, Commercial & Investment

**R**e/Max Commercial Advantage of Vancouver says Colliers' two top office leasing producers in the Fraser Valley, Gordon MacPherson and Ryan Schwartz, have moved to Re/Max Commercial Advantage.

MacPherson has been in the real estate industry since 1993 and has been awarded "outstanding achievement" recognition numerous times. He received the title of associate vice-president in 2005, and has completed hundreds of commercial sales and leasing transactions with clients that include Fraser Valley municipalities, financial institutions and government associations.

Schwartz has been specializing in office leasing and sales in the Fraser Valley since October 2006. Prior to his previous affiliation, Schwartz spent two years

in market research and sales in the residential project marketing industry and five years in advertising sales and marketing. Schwartz received the Deal Maker of the Year Award for 2008.

Re/Max Commercial Advantage was founded in 2008 by Moojan Azizi. With six brokers, the boutique office in downtown Vancouver services the entire Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island. MacPherson and Schwartz will maintain an office in Surrey.

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Avison Young, Canada's largest independently owned commercial real estate services company, has hired Jeff Flemington, Trevor Ellis, Kurt Love, Ben Sykes, David Binns and Stephanie Stevens to join its Mississauga brokerage operation.

All six professionals were formerly with DTZ Barnicke in Mississauga.

Flemington joins as senior vice-president and principal. Ellis is vice-president, Industrial Leasing Group; Love is associate vice-president, Office Leasing Group; Sykes and Binns are sales reps for the Industrial Leasing Group; and Stevens is business co-ordinator.

John Eakin and Michael Farrell have joined Avison Young's Vancouver brokerage operation.

Eakin and Farrell both join Avison Young from DTZ Barnicke in Vancouver and have been working as a team since 2006, focusing exclusively on the Surrey and Langley, B.C. industrial real estate markets.

Eakin has 13 years of experience in the commercial real estate industry. He started with Royal LePage Commercial Inc. in 1995 as a researcher and moved into brokerage in 1996, focusing on the Surrey and Langley industrial areas. For the past 10 years he was a broker with DTZ Barnicke in Vancouver.

Farrell's career in the commercial real estate industry began in 2006 in a brokerage role working with Eakin. Farrell focuses on industrial real estate in Surrey, Langley and the Fraser Valley, working on behalf of local, national and international tenants, landlords, developers

and investors.

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MintoMidtown at Yonge and Eglinton Ave. in Toronto achieved LEED Gold certification making it the largest multi-residential LEED certified condominium in North America.

After its first year of operation through efficient design and tenant participation, MintoMidtown saw exceptional savings in energy consumption, says Minto Homeowner costs for energy and water were reduced on average \$90 per month, compared to similar buildings built to the standards of the Model National Energy Code Buildings as verified by Commercial Building Incentive Program. Collectively, these savings amount to more than \$1 million.

Minto has three LEED Certified high-rise condominium communities, totaling 1,417 suites.

"Environmentally responsible building is a key component of Minto's corporate philosophy," Andrew Pride, vice-president, Minto Group. "We created an Energy Management Division in 1999, and today we are the first builder to have an internationally recognized Green Team. We continually build on the experience gained from each development and raise the bar for sustainable building."

The buildings include features such as the 'all-off' switch, which offers residents simplicity when

## Burj Khalifa is world's tallest

**T**he world's tallest building was unveiled recently in Dubai, to an estimated crowd of more than 400,000, in a crescendo of fireworks, lasers and fountain displays.

The official height of the tower, called Burj Khalifa, was announced as 828 metres (2,716.5 ft).

Developed by Emaar Properties, it's the world's tallest building according to the three criteria of the Council on Tall

Buildings: height, use and location. It is taller than Taiwan's Taipei 101, which had held the title of world's tallest building since 2004.

Mohamed Alabbar, chairman of Emaar Properties, says the tower represents a symbol of hope for the Arab world and a shining example of human achievement.

"Thousands of people from more than 100 countries contributed to the realization of Burj Khalifa. The tower embodies the spirit and optimism of global collaboration, and shows that

