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COVER DETAILS

The Banks in Riversdale, which was completed in May 2016, is an exciting project in downtown Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. It consists of four low-rise, mixed-use buildings—the Riverbend, the Edgewater, the Bridge and the Current—which creates a new work/live/play locale for local urbanites.

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The Old Stock Exchange tower in Vancouver, is being restored and conjoined with the newly constructed Credit Suisse/SwissReal tower to create a highly-anticipated, energy-efficient, \$240-million structure, The Exchange. The vision is to create the greenest building in Vancouver, possibly even North America, while conserving the original heritage building.

18 ALBERTA NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY ON TRACK TO IMPRESS

When plans and construction came together for Calgary's 240,000 square-foot new central library (NCL), the architects and design teams were faced with the challenge of building a tunnel around 150 metres of the city's active, underground light rail transit (LRT) track. The LRT encapsulation was unprecedented—a first for Calgary to incorporate a working LRT line into a building in the city, never mind the first time an encapsulation has been used as the foundation for a landmark library.

24 SASKATCHEWAN URBAN LIVING, TO THE EXTREME

Historic Riversdale, one of Saskatoon's oldest and most diverse neighbourhoods, is now home to The Banks in Riversdale. The overall development is comprised of commercial space, restaurants and residential properties, within four distinctly unique buildings. The goal was urban development with community renewal at the heart of every decision.

30 MANITOBA REINVENTING THE DOWNTOWN

In February 2016, rumours were put to rest when a \$400 million project called True North Square was announced for downtown Winnipeg. Excavation and shoring work is already underway on Phase One, the 17-storey office building, called Scotiabank Tower. Its curved cantilevered glass curtain wall will flank an outdoor plaza, bringing drama and completing the modern look of the building.

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