

London's 1000 most influential people 2011: Property

Michael Gutman
Westfield, UK & EUROPE managing director

It has taken an Aussie - in the shape of this tall, bronzed head of the shopping mall giant - to show British property people how to do retail. The 2008 debut of Westfield in Shepherd's Bush and this year's Stratford City launch have been triumphs which confounded the sceptics as well as the economic climate. Gutman is a trained architect who decided he was more interested in the commercial side of buildings.

Sir Terry Farrell
Architect

Want a master-plan? There is only one choice: the man who has written the book titled Shaping London. Sir Terry is doing most of the shaping, including 70 acres of Earl's Court. Previous hits include MI6's HQ in Vauxhall and the revamp of Charing Cross Station.

Nick Leslau
Max Properties, founder

The savvy, street-wise new owner of St Katharine Docks still looks youthful but is something of a veteran of the property scene. Appearing on TV's Secret Millionaire gave Leslau a media profile but he got some stick for daring to speak out as a landlord of debt-laden care homes group Southern Cross.

Zaha Hadid
Architect

Fresh from designing the Aquatics Centre for the Olympics, the world's leading contemporary female architect won this year's Stirling Prize for the Evelyn Grace Academy in Brixton - where she put the running track through the centre of the school buildings. Born in Baghdad, with a practice based in Clerkenwell, she is well-travelled, intense and dynamic.

Gerald Ronson
Heron International, CEO

London's fiercest developer has finished his Heron office tower on Bishopsgate. A hotel follows along with a tower full of flats at the Barbican, which is already two-thirds sold. His annual lunch is a legendary power-fest at which the property world listens to Ronson's savvy view of the market. Married to big Jewish charity donor Dame Gail.

Duke of Westminster
Landlord

His Grace, whose family owns the vast Grosvenor Estates, is concentrating more on his 300 acres of Mayfair and Belgravia than on provincial shopping centres. The gregarious Duke is the most influential aristo in London property with £6 billion of assets. His right-hand man is Mark Townsend, Grosvenor's chief executive.

David Atkins
Hammerson, CEO

"Too young, too cautious" was the verdict when the chartered surveyor took charge at London's third-biggest developer two years ago after spending a decade at Hammerson. How things change. "Very mature, very wise" is the current verdict of the City on the savvy owner of Brent Cross.

Stephen Greenhalgh
Hammersmith & Fulham council leader

Burly Tory enthusiast for Earl's Court development, who is pushing for the rebuilding of large parts of the borough around White City as well. Greenhalgh is credited with influencing national government policy on property.

Aubrey Adams
Royal Bank of Scotland, head of property restructuring unit
Smooth, tanned eminence grise of property scene who helped to build up Savills into the force it is today, quitting with perfect timing at the start of the credit crunch. Now has just made a surprise return at RBS to detoxify the mess and repossessions that were left behind after ex-boss Sir Fred Goodwin's unhappy reign.

Luca del Bono
Developer

Charming Anglo-Italian 38-year-old who has just got hold of the former site of the Devonshire Club at 50 St James's. His group of Russian investors is betting on him to develop it as a hotel and club - after the previous incumbent, a casino, closed down.

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