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Mr. Balsillie is the retired chairman and co-CEO of Research In Motion (BlackBerry), a technology company he scaled from an idea to \$20 billion in sales globally. His private investment office includes global and domestic technology investments including Magnet Forensics and MDA Space, recreational and commercial real estate across North America.

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