

Gordon Murray Awarded CBE



Automotive designer and engineer, Professor Gordon Murray has been awarded a CBE (Commander of the British Empire) in the Queen's New Year Honours 2019. The accolade is in recognition of his 'services to Motoring' after a lifetime of devising and delivering creative and groundbreaking projects in the motorsport and automotive sectors.

Gordon Murray said: "It is extremely humbling to receive a CBE in the Queen's New Year Honours. I've spent more than 50 years doing what I love, working with a wealth of highly-talented and creative people around the world, but primarily in the UK. From competing during the heyday of Formula One, to designing

the world's fastest supercar, I've loved every minute. I'd like to dedicate this honour to all those I've worked with over the years and I look forward to an exciting new future for the Gordon Murray Group."

Having designed his first car in 1967, Murray moved to the UK to join the Brabham Formula One Team as Technical Director winning two world championships (1981 and 1983), and then moved to McLaren International as Technical Director in 1988 where the team won three consecutive championships – 1988, 1989 and 1990.

Having accrued 50 Grand Prix wins in Formula One, he went on to establish a new company

– McLaren Cars Limited. The Company's first project was the renowned McLaren F1 Road Car. A racing version won two world sports car championships and the Le Mans 24-hour race in 1995. Murray guided several other successful projects at McLaren Cars, culminating with the Mercedes-Benz SLR McLaren program.

In 2005 Murray formed a new British company for the design, engineering, prototyping and development of vehicles – Gordon Murray Design Limited. The Surrey-based company has a global reputation as one of the finest automotive design teams in the world and is responsible for an innovative and disruptive manufacturing technology: iStream®.

Should You Buy An Electric Or Hybrid?

Whether we are interested in saving money at the pumps or reducing our carbon footprint, many of us are closer than ever to making the switch to a greener vehicle.

From hybrids to plug-in hybrids to fully electric vehicles, there is a wide selection of options out there and lots of information to navigate.

"There can be many benefits to owning a purely electric vehicle — smooth driving, limited maintenance, no exhaust pollution and never having to visit a gas station again," says Michael Bettencourt, managing editor at Autotrader.ca. "But there can also be challenges to keep in mind, so take time to research each vehicle thoroughly and what makes the most sense for your situation."

The big picture. First consider what the car will be used for most — whether daily commuting, in-

ter-city errands or long trips to the cottage or ski hill — as a starting point for which type of vehicle is best suited for you.

Carbon footprint. Do your research. Make sure you consider how and where a vehicle is assembled and produced, as well as how your electricity is sourced to establish the full impact of purchase and ownership.

Changing behaviour. Purchasing a new car, especially one that operates with different technology, can impact your current driving style. Consider how flexible and open you are to changing things up.

Budget breakdown. Determine the cost of the vehicle purchase or payments and ongoing operating costs versus that of comparable gas-efficient or diesel-powered vehicles to determine how much you will actually be saving in the long run.



Cominar Set To House New R&D Facility For Ford

QUEBEC CITY: Cominar today announced that Ford has signed for 40,000 square feet at 800 Palladium Drive at its Palladium Campus in Kanata, Ontario. The new building will be home to one of the automaker's most sophisticated research and development centres, with more than 300 new specialty engineering jobs will be created as a result.

Recognizing pent-up market demand, Cominar identified an opportunity to develop its phase 4 building at its Palladium Campus. Its strategic location near several major thoroughfares in central Kanata, as well as a park

like setting and fully serviced office campus, make this campus an ideal choice for future occupants looking to offer leading edge amenities to its employees, as well as tremendous branding opportunities onto the 6-lane Queensway highway.

"Cominar is proud to contribute to the development of a major technology hub in the Greater Ottawa area," said Marc Shank, Vice President, Leasing – Ontario. "We are confident that this project will be attuned to what the market is looking for in terms of sustainability and innovation."

The five-storey, 100,000

square-foot building will be ready to accommodate its first occupants in fall 2020. A number of leasing opportunities are still available, including 50,000 square feet of office space and 10,000 square feet of retail space.

Future tenants of the new Class A building will have access to a wide range of state-of-the-art amenities, including multi-purpose training and conference rooms, fitness and yoga facilities, and secure indoor bike storage. Outside features will include a deck space with a barbecue, agora, volleyball court and a parking

lot for more than 330 vehicles.

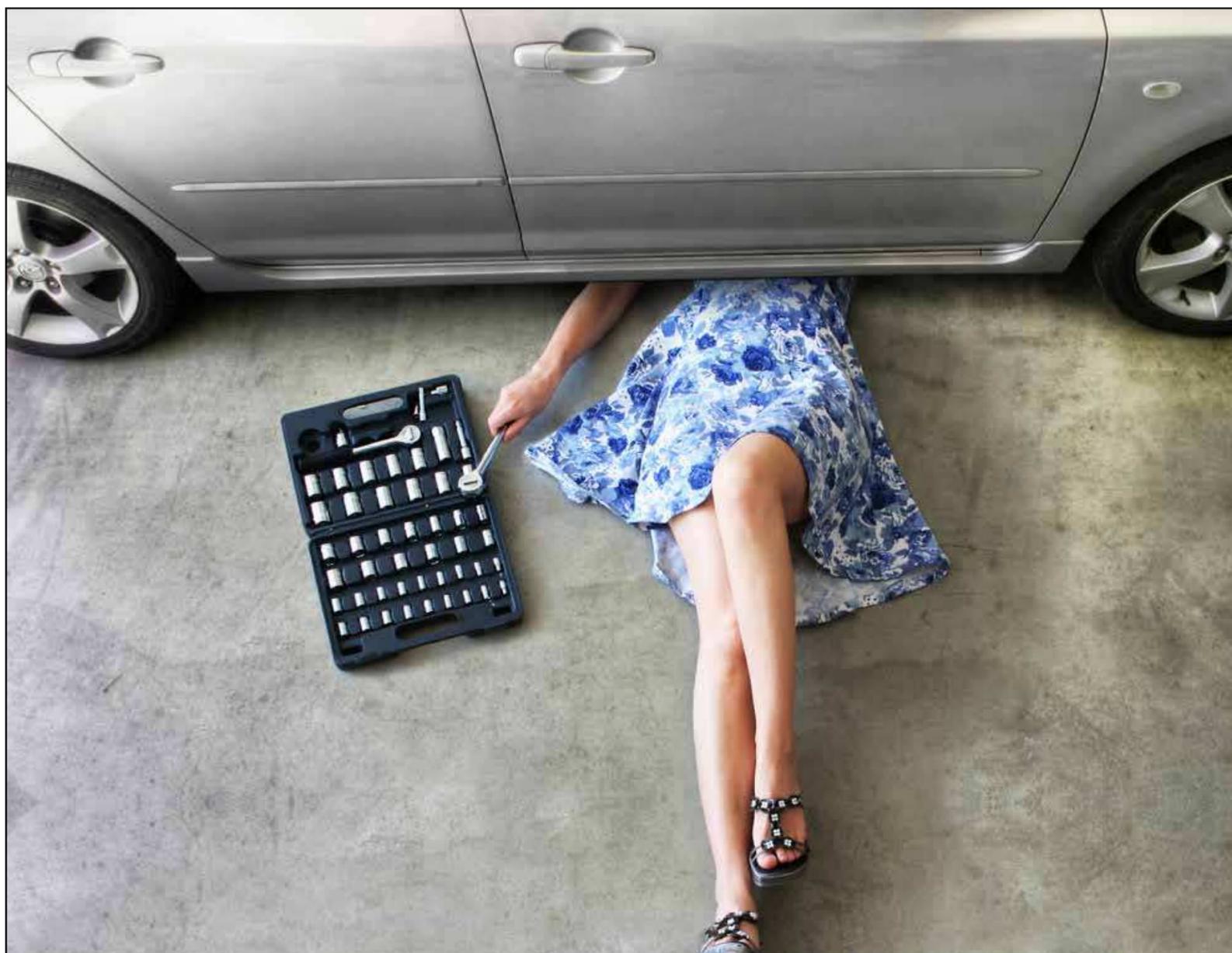
With the Palladium Campus concept, Cominar will be welcoming such prestigious companies as Calian, KPMG, Sullivan and Orbcmm to its roster of tenants.

The flexible, innovative nature of the units will undoubtedly contribute to the overall efficiency of their operations. This new development project is in keeping with how Cominar plans to implement its corporate vision to help optimize its clients' growth and enrich the experience of the occupants of its properties and the customers they serve.

Cominar is one of the largest diversified real estate investment trusts in Canada and is the largest commercial property owner in the Province of Québec.

The REIT owns a real estate portfolio of 429 properties in three different market segments, that is, office properties, retail properties and industrial and mixed-use properties.

Cominar's portfolio totals 38.2 million square feet located in the Montreal, Québec City and Ottawa areas. Cominar's primary objectives are to maximize unit value through the proactive management of its properties.



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