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# Mississauga's Carlo Fidani appointed to the Order of Canada

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Carlo Fidani, chair of Mississauga-based developer and real estate company Orlando Corp., has been appointed to the Order of Canada.

Canada's Governor General, Julie Payette, announced his appointment on Dec. 29. Fidani is one of 125 new appointees to Canada's highest civilian honour, which includes four companions, 35 officers and 86 new members.

Orlando Corp., established in 1948 by Carlo's grandfather, is involved in construction and development as well as property management. According to the company's website, it owns, leases or manages more than 43 million sq. ft of industrial, office and retail properties.

According to Forbes magazine, Fidani took the reins of Orlando Corp. from his father in 2000, becoming the third generation to run the family business.

Worth an estimated US\$2.1 billion, according to Forbes, Fidani is a well-known philanthropist who has contributed to numerous community efforts and organizations while serving as president of the Carlo Fidani Foundation.

The Carlo Fidani Cancer Centre was named in his honour as a result of his contri-



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**Mississauga's Carlo Fidani, pictured here in 2016 during his induction into the Mississauga Walk of Fame, has been named to the Order of Canada.**

butions to its construction and his continued support of the hospital foundation.

Fidani has also supported University of Toronto's Faculty of Medicine and the William Osler Health System through various donations and initiatives.

According to the University of Toronto, his \$10 million contribution to the construction of a new health sciences complex in 2011 was the single biggest gift to the University's Mississauga campus in its history at the time.

Fidani was inducted into the Mississauga Walk of Fame in 2016.

A spokesperson for Fidani said he was honoured by the appointment, but unavailable for interviews.