

Balancing act

Rob Dargewitz, CMA, finds success on his own terms

By **Jaclyn Law**

“RETIRED CAPTAIN” ISN’T A TERM YOU’D EXPECT

to find in a CMA’s background, but the Canadian Army is just one part of Rob Dargewitz’s rich and varied career path. Add “entrepreneur” and “educator,” and you have a good picture of his achievements.

After graduating from the Royal Military College of Canada in 1992 with an economics and commerce degree, Dargewitz held various financial roles at the Department of National Defence. He earned his MBA in night school before retiring from service in 1997. After that, he held demanding, high-profile positions at Shell Canada, most recently head of corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions.

While at Shell, Dargewitz became a CMA: “I thought adding a professional designation would open doors for me, and it did. I wanted the complete package; the CMA gives you a more well-rounded perception. I liked the integrated management aspect.”

In 2010, Dargewitz’s mother passed away, and he found himself at personal and professional crossroads. “I took a break, did some travelling and came back in a good mindset,” he says. “I decided to take the skills I’d learned and start my own company.”

Dargewitz launched Dargewitz Consulting Corp., a financial advisory and consulting company that helps businesses grow.

He’s also giving back to his professional community. A moderator in the Strategic Leadership Program since 2001, Dargewitz recently designed the CMA Alberta Oil and Gas Certificate Program, which he also teaches. “Working with students is fun, and it keeps me sharp on what’s going on in the industry.” ■

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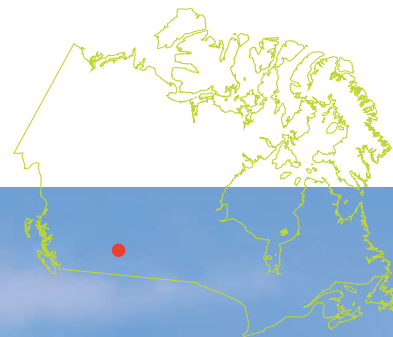
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Role: Managing Director

Most valuable piece of business advice:

“We were given a gift called life. It would be a shame to return it unopened.”

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