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While other companies were pulling back during the financial downturn, Mr. Roosen was determined to bring Osisko — a development-stage gold mining company currently completing the construction of the Canadian Malartic, one of Canada's largest gold deposits — to a new level and overcome important challenges.

While junior exploration companies will typically divest their discoveries to large mining companies, he resolved to leverage Canadian Malartic into a new mid-tier Canadian mining company.

Other winners are: business-to-consumer products and services, Sylvie Myre, Voyages à rabais, voyagesarabais.com; health sciences, Frank Baylis and Krishan Shah, Baylis Medical Company Inc., baylismedical.com; information technology, Mario Bouchard, iBwave, ibwave.com; manufacturing, Jean-Robert Leclerc, Groupe Biscuits Leclerc, biscuitsleclerc.com; service business, Robert A. Frances, PEAK Financial Group, peakgroup.com; technology solutions, Patrick Ostiguy, Accedian Networks, accedian.com, special citation — social entrepreneur, Gabriel Bran Lopez, Fusion Jeunesse, fusionjeunessequebec.org.

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Gabriel Bran Lopez, founder and president, Fusion Jeunesse, award recipient: special citation, Social Entrepreneur.



Jean-Robert Leclerc, chairman of the board, Groupe Biscuits Leclerc, award recipient: manufacturing.



David Marotte, president and CEO, Groupe conseil FXinnovation Inc., finalist: services business category.



Sylvie Myre, president, Voyages À Rabais, award recipient: business-to-consumer products and services category.



Sean Roosen, president and CEO, Osisko Mining Corp., award recipient: business-to-business products and services category and Quebec Entrepreneur of the Year.



Danny Minogue, president, Minogue Medical Inc., finalist: health sciences category, and his wife.



Mario Bouchard, president and CEO, iBwave, award recipient: information technology category.



Claude Bigras, president and CEO, Groupe Distinction Inc., finalist: business-to-business products and services category.



Sanjay Bakshani and Vicken Kanadjian, managing directors, Cesium Telecom Inc., finalists: business-to-consumer products and services category.



Robert Frances, president and CEO, PEAK Financial Group, award recipient: services business category.



Patrick Ostiguy, president and CEO, Accedian Networks, award recipient: technology solutions category, and his wife.

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