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POWER
THE POWER COMPLEX
In the city of Boston, demonstrations of power are nothing new. We’ve been throwing our weight around since the days of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Today, as ever, some people in town just know how to get things done, whether through intelligence, charm, enormous piles of cash, back room deals, or just sheer force of will. After talking to scores of insiders across the area, we ranked the city’s heavy hitters and examine power in all its forms—from political muscle and business influence to cultural capital and socialite networking.

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U.S. Attorney District of Massachusetts

NO.27 TRACY CAMPION

Saying Campion is a real estate agent is like saying Tom Brady is a football player. Sure, she moves high-end properties, but she's also intimately involved with planning Back Bay developments, and has helped keep Boston's toniest neighborhoods mostly immune to the economic crisis. Campion's a supreme connector — she can find the right buyer for almost any property — and she's absolutely devoted to sensitive development in our historical city.

NO.28 AMOS AND BARBARA HOSTETTER

PHILANTHROPISTS

They're one of the wealthiest couples in Boston, thanks to billions from Continental Cablevision. Their Barr Foundation has $1 billion in the bank. They're tight with Menino. Need we say more?

NO.29 WENDY SHATTUCK

SOCIALITE AND PHILANTHROPIST

Her husband, Samalmö, an investor at the Baupost Group, may have made the money, but Shattuck knows how to leverage it. She's connected with the New England Conservatory and the Emerson College Conservatory, but it's her control over the exclusive Country Club's new membership list that puts her among the elite.

NO.30 JEFFREY LEIDEN

PRESIDENT AND CEO · VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS

The newly minted head of Vertex is leading his team to a new $300 million waterfront headquarters — a move that will result in more biz relocations there, earning him major credit with politicians and developers.

NO.31 ERIC FEHRNSTROM

REPUBLICAN POLITICAL CONSULTANT

If he can plot paths to victory for Mitt Romney and Scott Brown, the GOP could control the White House and the Senate — and Fehnstrom will be crowned the next Karl Rove.

NO.32 DOUG RUBIN

DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL CONSULTANT

The former chief of staff for Governor Patrick, Rubin's running the campaigns of both Elizabeth Warren and Joseph Kennedy III. He has a good shot at going two for two.

NO.33 CATHERINE PETERSON

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR · ARTSBOSTON

Peterson is the chief marketer of the arts in Boston, representing more than 170 organizations. And in a city chock-full of tourists, she makes sure the arts get their fair share of visitor dollars by constantly coordinating with the city and the Greater Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau.

NO.34 KEN ORINGER AND BARBARA LYNCH

EMPIRE-BUILDING RESTAURATEURS

Remember when Lynch's Drink made craft cocktails the concept for every new bar? Or how Oringer's temple to meat, Coppa, inspired charcuterie menus all over town? Well, here's the deal: Whichever of these two launches the next great hot spot or giant food trend gets slot number 34 to him- or herself.