

# WHO'S WHO OF THE DECADE

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Looking back at the decade, we've chosen 25 people who influenced the commercial real estate market heavily — some in a very visual way, some behind the scenes. This is not an all-inclusive list, nor are the names listed in any particular order; it's designed simply to provide a snapshot of the decade. We've included the corporate titles they held during their period of influence, some of which may no longer be current. We also included the late Scott Coles, a prominent mortgage broker whose company, Mortgages Ltd., rose and fell along with the Valley's real estate market.

**Sharon Harper**  
**President and CEO**  
**The Plaza Cos.**

Over the course of the decade, real estate developer Sharon Harper expanded her company's focus from medical office buildings and senior living facilities to cutting-edge projects



**Harper**

such as ASU SkySong, which opened in 2008. Plaza's most recently completed project is the \$200 million Classic Residence at Silverstone, an upscale retirement community in North Scottsdale built in partnership with

Hyatt. Harper is a trustee of the Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust and a past chair of the Greater Phoenix Economic Council. But it is a friendship that may have garnered Harper the most ink: She and her husband, Oliver, are longtime confidantes of U.S. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.