



THE GOOD CHINA
Last year, Lee, a booster of Chinatown, bought Foo's Ho Ho to save it from gentrification. She's also opening a teahouse/bakery designed by Forbidden City installer Michael Lis



■ **LIGHT BOX**
A frequent entertainer, Lee makes full use of the 1,600 sq. ft. condo's open plan

■ **FORAGER**
The black side table came from her grandfather's store, Foo Hung; the coffee table and silver tray were salvaged in Hong Kong; the painting is by Montreal artist Jim Gislason

■ **LOCAL HERO**
Her brand's name, Lina, dates back to her nickname born out of a Spanish class at Sentinel Secondary

■ **SMALL PACKAGES**
A few examples of a lifelong collection of small boxes

■ **GIVING SPIRIT**
Lee prefers working vacations, like one in 2011 when she ran errands for NBC at the wedding of Will and Kate. There, a former staffer of Diana, Princess of Wales, taught her to make the perfect G&T (hint: Plymouth Gin)

■ **FAMILY ALBUM**
Portraits of Lee's grandmother, Gin King Choon (centre), and the Lee base on East Pender (right; now home to Linacare) will grace the relaunched Foo's Ho Ho



High Minded

For entrepreneur and philanthropist Carol Lee, the benefits of her therapeutic creams complement the benefits of her volunteer work to preserve Chinatown

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WHEN CAROL LEE WAS STILL a young B.Comm. grad from the UBC Sauder School, she worked for her father, noted local real-estate mogul Bob Lee, helping to put together financing deals from the family's Prospero offices in Coal Harbour. "I always thought if there was ever a time this area actually became residential, not just railway tracks, I'd like to live here," she says today.

Lee did move—onto an upper floor of the Shaw Tower when it opened a decade ago. By then she'd graduated from Harvard Business

School, and with business partner Henry Fung founded the Linacare Cosmethery line she steers today.

The therapeutic creams were developed to soothe dialysis patients' dry skin (Fung is a noted nephrologist), and Lee still finds meaning in her products' healing qualities. "I was always searching for something that improved the lives of people."

Meanwhile, with travel for work, plus multiple board commitments, she's still working on the décor of this Coal Harbour aerie... but its expansive views are her own brand of therapy. **VM**