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City Spy: Desmond pays tribute to Docklands founder



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To Canary Wharf, along with Express Group boss Richard Desmond, who swept up in his Roller, with impressively muscled driver, to pay tribute to Reg Ward, the recently deceased founder of modern Docklands.

Ward was the first CEO of the London Docklands Development Corporation: a man who fought, kicked and occasionally fibbed his way into persuading tenants to move into what was the wilderness in the early Eighties. In a speech that contained just a single F-word, the normally more profane Desmond recalled how Ward persuaded him to add a storey to the offices he had agreed to build for his budding adult entertainment business.