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FORBES COVER STORY: TIM GEITHNER IN THE HOT SEAT

New York, NY (January 28, 2008) – Timothy F. Geithner has survived his own tax mess, and become the United States Secretary of the Treasury. In its latest issue, *Forbes* analyzes the man charged with solving America's financial crisis and the battles he will face as he tries to right the \$14 trillion banking system (**In the Hot Seat, p. 30**). Geithner's checklist is daunting: fix the regulatory system, save Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, stabilize the banking system, and plan the government's exit strategy so that the Treasury can get out quickly and profitably.

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Midas 100: Tech's Top Dealmakers (p. 50) – Last year was a rough one for venture investors, with only \$14 billion in venture-backed IPOs and outright sales, down from \$38 billion the previous year. Still, VCs managed to raise \$24 billion in new capital last year and will have to find new companies to back in 2009. *Forbes'* annual Midas 100 list ranks the best global investors in tech and life sciences. **For the complete list, more stories, video interviews, and methodology: visit www.forbes.com/midas.**

Turbo Techs (p. 48) – Believe it or not, there is some good news out there: some technology companies are actually growing. *Forbes* lists the 25 fastest-growing tech companies of the past year. **For more, visit www.forbes.com/fasttech.**

Gilt-Edged Pensions (p. 79) -- Chances are, these days, your 401(k) isn't doing too well. But taxpayers are footing the bill for public-sector millionaires who don't have to worry about market crashes, medical costs or inflation: government workers, benefiting from a public pension boondoggle. Find out who's retiring rich on your tax money.

Cyborg Therapy (p. 68) – A new generation of artificial livers – part man, part machine – is slowly winding its way through testing. Could the latest technology help the four million Americans who suffer from liver disease?

Fightin' Words (p. 44) – As if seizing private property weren't enough, municipal bureaucrats and real estate developers are now suing to silence anyone who interferes with eminent domain.

Drinking to Success (p. 26) – It might be time to second guess your New Year's resolution to drink less. As Arthur C. Brooks points out, moderate drinkers are richer than teetotalers. That's right, drinkers tend to enjoy a "drinker's bonus" of about 10% higher income.

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