Waves of transformation and the growing competition for talent: this year's 'Greater Toronto's Top Employers' are announced

TORONTO, December 6, 2019 – In Canada's largest metropolitan area, you don't need to look far to spot the signs of dramatic economic growth. But beneath the construction hoardings and crowded sidewalks, something remarkable is happening: the city is transforming once again, this time into a technology hub with thousands of new employment opportunities. Employers are working harder than ever before to attract the best talent, but they have more competition



than ever before. The stories of the best employers were released this morning with the announcement of *Greater Toronto's Top Employers* for 2020, by Mediacorp Canada Inc.

"Toronto has seen many booms in its history," says Anthony Meehan, Publisher at Mediacorp, which manages the competition. "From its early days as a lake port, to furniture and warehousing, then as a financial centre and now as one of North America's largest technology hubs – the skyline of this city and the jobs it offers have been shaped by waves of transformation."

Evidence of the region's rapid transformation are all around. Earlier this year, BMO Capital Markets released a report confirming that Toronto already has 214,000 technology industry jobs, a remarkable number. Many of the world's most recognizable names in technology have announced plans to expand their presence in Toronto. To make space for new employers, 10 million square feet of new office space is under construction and will open in the next four years – more space than was built in the last 30 years. The city has 120 construction cranes in the air, more than the combined total of its two closest competitors in North America, Seattle and New York City.

"The Greater Toronto Area continues to be the most competitive employment market in the country," adds Kristina Leung, Senior Editor of the *Canada's Top 100 Employers* project at Mediacorp. "The rapid growth in technology employers has created opportunities across a wide range of occupations, from healthcare to education and manufacturing. The region's strong economy draws tens of thousands of new residents each year – local employers are working overtime to attract the best and brightest to their organizations and you can see their efforts in this year's list of winners."

Now in its 14th year, the *Greater Toronto's Top Employers* competition is an editorial project that recognizes employers with exceptional human resources programs and forward-thinking workplace policies. Editors at Mediacorp grade employers on eight criteria, which have remained consistent since the project's inception: (1) Physical

Workplace; (2) Work Atmosphere & Social; (3) Health, Financial & Family Benefits; (4) Vacation & Time-Off; (5) Employee Communications; (6) Performance Management; (7) Training & Skills Development; and (8) Community Involvement. Employers are compared to other organizations in their field to determine which offer the most progressive and forward-thinking programs. The annual competition is open to any employer with its head office in the Greater Toronto Area; employers of any size may apply, whether private or public sector.

Founded in 1992, Mediacorp Canada Inc. is the nation's largest publisher of employment periodicals. Since 1999, the Toronto-based publisher has managed the Canada's Top 100 Employers project, which includes 18 regional and special-interest editorial competitions that reach over 15 million Canadians annually through a variety of magazine and newspaper partners, including *The Globe and Mail*. Mediacorp also operates Eluta.ca, one of Canada's largest job search engines, which reaches 7.4 million unique visitors annually and features editorial reviews from the Canada's Top 100 Employers project. Mediacorp also hosts Canada's largest conference for senior-level HR professionals, the Top Employer Summit. This year's conference took place at the Four Seasons Hotel Toronto in November.

The full list of *Greater Toronto's Top Employers* for 2020 was announced in <u>special magazine</u> published in The Globe and Mail this morning. Detailed reasons for selection with additional stories and photos were released simultaneously on the <u>competition homepage</u>.

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Greater Toronto's Top Employers 2020 Winners

Accenture Inc.
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AIG Insurance Company of Canada
AMD / Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.
Amex Bank of Canada
Arup Canada Inc.
AstraZeneca Canada Inc.
BASF Canada Inc.
Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP

Borden Ladner Gervais LLP

Boston Consulting Group of Canada Limited

CAA Club Group

CAAT Pension Plan

Cadillac Fairview Corporation Limited

Canadian National Exhibition Association / CNEA

Canadian Standards Association / CSA

Canadian Tire Corporation Limited

Capital One Canada

Catholic Children's Aid Society of Toronto

Ceridian HCM Inc.

Children's Aid Society of Toronto

CIBC

Cisco Systems Canada Co.

Citco Canada Inc.

Citi Canada

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, The

Corus Entertainment Inc.

Cox Automotive Canada

CRH Canada Group Inc.

Diamond Schmitt Architects Inc.

Distributel Communications Limited

Drake Hotel Properties

Durham College of Applied Arts and Technology

Dyson Canada Ltd.

Ecclesiastical Insurance Office plc

Enterprise Holdings Inc.

Fidelity Canada

First Capital Realty Inc.

Fleet Complete

Fluidigm Canada Inc.

Ford Motor Company of Canada, Limited

FreshBooks

Fundserv Inc.

General Mills Canada Corporation

George Brown College

goeasy Ltd.

Griffith Foods Ltd.

GSK / GlaxoSmithKline Inc.

Halton, Regional Municipality of

Hatch Ltd.

Healthcare Insurance Reciprocal of Canada / HIROC

Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital

Hospital for Sick Children, The

HP Canada Co.

Hyundai Capital Canada, Inc.

Intact Financial Corporation

Kellogg Canada Inc.

Kinross Gold Corporation

KPMG LLP

Kruger Products L.P.

Labatt Brewing Company Limited

Loblaw Companies Limited

Manulife Financial Corporation

Mars Inc.

Mattamy Homes Limited

Mazda Canada Inc.

McCarthy Tétrault LLP

Médecins Sans Frontières / Doctors Without Borders (MSF) Canada

Medtronic Canada ULC

Metrolinx

Michael Garron Hospital | Toronto East Health Network

Municipal Property Assessment Corporation

Nelson Education Ltd.

Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP

Novo Nordisk Canada Inc.

Nulogy Corporation

Olympus Canada Inc.

Ontario Dental Association. The

Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences

Oracle Canada ULC

Panasonic Canada Inc.

PayPal Canada Co.

Penguin Random House Canada

PepsiCo Canada

Philips Electronics Ltd.

Points

Praxair Canada Inc.

Procter & Gamble Inc.

Questrade, Inc.

Reckitt Benckiser Canada Inc.

Rogers Communications Inc.

Royal Bank of Canada

RSA Canada Group

R.V. Anderson Associates Limited

Salesforce

Samsung Electronics Canada Inc.

Schneider Electric Canada Inc.

Scotiabank

Seneca College

Siemens Canada Limited

Sigma Systems Canada LP

Sinai Health System

Slalom ULC

Spin Master Ltd.

Stanley Black & Decker Canada Corp.

Sun Life Financial Inc.

Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

TD Bank Group

Teranet Inc.

Thales Canada Inc.

Thomson Reuters Canada Limited

Toronto, City of

Toronto Community Housing Corporation

Toronto International Film Festival Inc. / TIFF

Toronto Transit Commission / TTC

Tucows.com Co.

Ultimate Software Group of Canada, Inc.

United Way Greater Toronto

University of Toronto

VISA Canada Corporation

Wipro Limited

Women's College Hospital World Vision Canada WSP Canada Inc. Xerox Canada Ltd. YMCA of Greater Toronto York, Regional Municipality of York Regional Police YWCA Toronto Zynga Game Canada Ltd.