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## Caldwell Partners and MNP LLP Announce the Return of Canada's Top 40 Under 40<sup>®</sup>

**TORONTO – February 2, 2017** – Caldwell Partners International Inc. (TSX: CWL) and Presenting Partner MNP LLP today announced that the re-imagined and highly anticipated Canada's Top 40 Under 40<sup>®</sup> Award Program has relaunched. Visit the website [www.canadastop40under40.com](http://www.canadastop40under40.com) for nomination details and timelines.

Caldwell is excited to be working with MNP LLP and several other prominent organizations that are enthusiastically committed to Top 40's success, including: *National Partner* Gluskin Sheff + Associates Inc.; *Media Partners* BNN and National Post; and *Travel Partner* WestJet.

Canada's Top 40 Under 40<sup>™</sup> is an annual celebration of the exceptional achievements of 40 outstanding Canadians under the age of 40. The reinvigorated program will relaunch during Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations, marking the achievements of a new generation of Canadian leaders.

This select group of women and men are outstanding business leaders, entrepreneurs and innovators who are making an impact in their organizations, industries and communities. As reflected on the Top 40 website [www.canadastop40under40.com](http://www.canadastop40under40.com) numerous past recipients of the Top 40 award are now the senior leaders at many of Canada's leading organizations.

"This is an important initiative for business in Canada," said Elan Pratzner, Managing Partner for Canada at Caldwell, Top 40's Founding Partner, "and we couldn't be more pleased to be working with MNP LLP, Top 40's new Presenting Partner. We have outstanding business leaders in this country who have a significant impact on their organizations and communities, and are making important contributions to Canada's global economic position and identity. It is important that we celebrate these remarkable young Canadians."

"MNP is proud to play an integral role as the Presenting Partner of this distinguished award program," said Jason Tuffs, Chief Executive Officer, MNP LLP. "As one of the leading accounting, tax and consulting firms dedicated to Canadian businesses and entrepreneurs, we know first-hand that Canada has an incredible pool of emerging business leaders and entrepreneurs. There's also excitement building with the country's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2017, and the relaunch of this award program ties in perfectly with this national celebration."



Founded in 1995 by Caldwell Partners, Top 40 has recognized more than 640 outstanding Canadians and is the country's most coveted award for young business leaders. Honourees have a remarkable track record of achievement after their win; the ranks of Top 40 alumni include hundreds of nationally and internationally prominent CEOs, CFOs, executives, and entrepreneurs.

Canada's Top 40 Under 40 Recipients will be honoured at an award gala held in Toronto in Fall 2017.

#### **About MNP LLP**

MNP is a leading national accounting, tax and business consulting firm with more than 65 offices and 4,000 team members across Canada. National in scope and local in focus, MNP has proudly served clients in the public, private and not-for-profit sectors for almost 60 years. Through partner-led engagements, they provide a collaborative, cost-effective approach to doing business and personalized strategies to help organizations succeed across the country and around the world. For more information, visit [www.mnp.ca](http://www.mnp.ca).

#### **About Caldwell Partners**

Caldwell Partners is a leading international provider of executive search and has been for more than 45 years. As one of the world's most trusted advisors in executive search, the firm has a sterling reputation built on successful searches for boards, chief and senior executives, and selected functional experts. With offices and partners across North America, Europe, Latin America and Asia Pacific, the firm takes pride in delivering an unmatched level of service and expertise to its clients.

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