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Avison Young hires top leasing broker Christopher Brown to join Toronto leasing group

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TORONTO, Nov. 18 /CNW/ - Mark Fieder, President and Managing Director, Ontario of Avison Young, announced today the hiring of one of Toronto's top leasing brokers, Christopher Brown, as a Vice-President in Avison Young's Toronto leasing group.

Brown joins Avison Young from global real estate services firm DTZ Barnicke, where he was most recently Vice-President, Leasing in the Toronto office of the company's Canadian operations.

Effective immediately, Brown will join Avison Young's Toronto leasing team, based in downtown Toronto, to add further strength to the Toronto operation and help develop and service major corporate real estate clients across Canada.

"We are very excited that Christopher has chosen to join Avison Young, which continues to grow both locally and nationally," comments Fieder. "As one of the top brokers in downtown Toronto, Christopher will add further strength to Avison Young's highly talented downtown team. The creative and flexible approach he applies to challenges helped his clients accomplish their corporate objectives across different markets. Christopher's knowledge will fit in well with Avison Young's commitment to focusing on the client."

Brown's career in commercial real estate extends beyond 30 years, beginning in 1979 at John Shortill Ltd., a Toronto firm at the time. In his seven years at the firm, Brown established a record of achievement by completing numerous design-build solutions for local and international firms, including Sharp Electronics' Canadian headquarters in Mississauga, Ontario.

In addition, Brown was one of the first in Canada to graduate from the U.S.-based Realtors National Marketing Institute and, in 1982, he obtained the Certified Commercial Investment Member (CCIM) designation. In 1986, he joined J.J. Banicke Ltd. (now DTZ Barnicke) where he excelled, achieving Chairman's Circle status year after year.

Brown has been recognized in the industry for signature office leasing assignments in Toronto and across the country. These include large and complex lease renewal/relocations on behalf of national financial services and law firms, in addition to telecommunications and financial regulatory agencies.

"Being a member of the respected Avison Young leasing group in downtown Toronto will allow me the opportunity to work with a best-in-class team that shares my vision for growth and strong focus on the client," says Brown. "The company's commitment to continually improve the quality and service it provides its clients combined with its strategic plans to grow internationally will provide new and exciting opportunities for our clients."

"We are very pleased to have Christopher join our operation in Toronto and take a role in developing business for Avison Young across the nation," adds Mark Rose, Chair and CEO

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of Avison Young. "Our entire national team looks forward to working with Christopher and helping to deliver on Avison Young's commitment to provide a truly integrated client-centric services platform for our local, national and global clients."

Founded in 1978, Avison Young is Canada's largest independently-owned commercial real estate services company and the only national, Canadian-owned, principal-managed real estate brokerage firm in the country. Headquartered in Toronto, Ontario and ranked among Canada's leading national commercial real estate organizations, Avison Young is a full-service commercial real estate company comprising more than 500 real estate professionals in 13 offices across Canada and in the U.S. The company provides value-added, client-centric investment sales, leasing, advisory, management and financial services to owners and users of commercial, industrial and multi-residential real estate properties.

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