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### **Michael Keenan joins Avison Young's Vancouver, BC brokerage operation**

**Vancouver, BC— Douglas McMurray**, Principal and Managing Director of **Avison Young-Vancouver**, announced today that commercial real estate veteran **Michael Keenan** has joined Avison Young's Vancouver brokerage operation.

Well-known in the commercial real estate industry, Keenan will undertake selective office and retail leasing mandates at Avison Young, while pursuing significant land assembly and value-add investment opportunities throughout the Metro Vancouver region and beyond.

"Michael is an important addition to our growing organization and we are very pleased that he has chosen to come on board," comments McMurray. "His extensive real estate experience coupled with his dynamic personality will not only lead to exciting opportunities in the marketplace and complement our commitment to quality service for our clients, but also augment Avison Young's presence on the local and national scene."

Keenan has been in the real estate business for 28 years, initially with Knowlton Realty and most recently with CB Richard Ellis (CBRE) in Vancouver. Over the past three decades, he has established himself among the elite in the commercial real estate brokerage community, having successfully negotiated approximately \$1.8 billion in leasing and sales transactions. In the recent past, he has focused on development sites and value-add opportunities within the urban Vancouver precinct. Accordingly, he was the sole visionary or primary agent of record in identifying and concluding the sale of the following prominent Downtown Vancouver and West side development properties: The Rise (West 8<sup>th</sup> and Cambie); Crossroads (Broadway and Cambie); 1200 West Pender Street; The Best Janitorial Building (388 West 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue); and Mitchell Press Building (1706 West 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue). For several years, Keenan also served as Senior Vice-President and Sales Manager of the Vancouver office of CBRE.

"I look forward to continuing my career at Avison Young and providing innovative real estate solutions to a wide range of clients," says Keenan. "My goal is to serve my past and new clients with the highest quality of real estate services and to enhance the company's reputation as a leader in the industry through my energy and vision."

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 12 offices across Canada and in Chicago, IL. 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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