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Avison Young (Canada) appoints Robert Armstrong Managing Director, Toronto Leasing Group

Toronto, ON— Mark E. Rose, chair and CEO of **Avison Young (Canada) Inc.**, announced today the appointment of one of Canada's top leasing brokers, **Robert Armstrong**, as Managing Director, Avison Young (Canada) Toronto Leasing Group.

Effective immediately, Armstrong will represent the company's Toronto office on Avison Young's national tenant representation team, helping to develop and service major corporate real estate clients across Canada. He will be based in Avison Young's downtown Toronto office.

Armstrong joins Avison Young from global real estate services firm **Jones Lang LaSalle** where he was most recently Managing Director of its Canadian operations, based in Toronto.

"The client is the driving force behind what we do at Avison Young, and by employing the best operators in our markets, we are meeting our goal to provide the highest degree of satisfaction to clients," comments Rose. "We are very fortunate to have Rob joining our local and national team at Avison Young. He is one of the top brokers in Canada and his background fits in well with Avison Young's commitment to focusing on clients' objectives. Through his leadership skills, track record and extensive real estate experience, Rob will bring a wealth of knowledge and talent to our team and, most importantly, to our clients."

Armstrong has more than 30 years of experience in the commercial real estate industry. He has been responsible for many "signature" transactions, having leased more than 15 million square feet in his career, primarily with a focus on tenant representation both locally and nationally. Armstrong began his real estate career in Calgary specializing in office, industrial and retail leasing. After moving back to Toronto and opening the GH Lennard brokerage office, he subsequently spent 20 years at Cushman & Wakefield LePage where he was one of the company's top brokers in Canada. He joined Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL) in 2003 and became Managing Director in 2006, overseeing the "Law Firm Practice" and "Headquarter Practice" areas for JLL in Toronto. Armstrong's key to success has been his commitment to client retention.

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“Avison Young’s vision for growth and its focus on the client is completely parallel to my goals,” says Armstrong. “The company’s plans to grow its Toronto operations and penetrate the global markets are very exciting, and I am looking forward to being part of a team committed to excellence on both a national and global basis. It is what our clients are demanding.”

“We are very pleased to have Rob join our operations in Toronto and take a role in developing business for Avison Young across the nation,” adds **Mark Fieder**, President and Managing Director, Avison Young (Canada)-Ontario. “Our national team looks forward to working with Rob and helping to deliver on Avison Young’s commitment to provide a truly integrated client-centric services platform for our global, national and local clients.”

*Founded in 1996, **Avison Young (Canada) Inc.** is Canada’s largest independently-owned commercial real estate services company, with offices in Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, Regina, Winnipeg, Mississauga, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec City and Halifax. Ranked among Canada’s leading national commercial real estate organizations, Avison Young is a full-service commercial real estate company and the only national, Canadian, principal-owned real estate brokerage firm in the country. 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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