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**David Hillis joins Avison Young in Toronto**

***Highly regarded industrial sales and leasing specialist becomes Principal***

**Toronto, ON – Martin Dockrill, Avison Young** Principal and Managing Director of the company's Ontario region, announced today that highly regarded industrial real estate sales and leasing specialist **David Hillis** has joined the firm in Toronto.

Effective immediately, Hillis becomes a Principal of Avison Young. Based in the firm's Toronto West office, he will focus on industrial sales and leasing throughout the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) and the rest of Ontario and assist with the mentorship of up-and-coming real estate professionals. In addition, he will continue to negotiate single-property and portfolio acquisitions, dispositions and leasing transactions while attracting new clients and maintaining existing client relationships.

Hillis brings 33 years of commercial real estate industrial and office investment sales and leasing experience to Avison Young, most recently as a senior vice-president with CBRE in Toronto.

"We're thrilled that David has decided to join our team in Toronto and help us continue to expand our industrial property market capabilities across the GTA and Ontario," comments Dockrill. "David will be a tremendous addition to our already strong team of established and up-and-coming industrial specialists. He joins us at a time when we are expanding our industrial market offerings in the GTA and he will play an important role as we recruit the next generation of top industrial real estate talent. David has worked with a number of our Ontario Principals in the past, and we are quite familiar with his multiple talents and dedication to providing exceptional client service."

Dockrill continues: "David is a tenured professional in Toronto's West End and he has built some strong relationships and goodwill during his career. His exceptional industrial leasing and sales capabilities, coupled with his strategic coaching experience with clients and real estate professionals, will fit seamlessly with Avison Young's client-centric business model and collaborative approach to all transactions."

Hillis' clients have included Brooks Shoes, CIBC, Irwin Toy Limited, SmithKline Beecham, National Bank of Canada, Federal Mogal, Home Depot, Cummins Engine Company, and Lafarge Canada, among others. Hillis ranked among CBRE's top producers in Toronto West for the past 25 years, and among the firm's top 10 producers in multiple years. During his career, he has completed more than 1,100 industrial transactions in the Toronto market, including 600 transactions in Mississauga.

"Avison Young's Principal-led, client-centric model is extremely appealing and I am excited to be part of an organization that has achieved such remarkable growth in recent years," says Hillis. "I look forward to working with the firm's well-respected industrial sales and leasing specialists, and helping to further strengthen the industrial service line in Toronto West and across Ontario. I also look forward to collaborating with my new colleagues in Canada, the U.S., Mexico and Europe."

Hillis holds a Bachelor of Arts in urban studies and planning from the University of Toronto. He has also completed the client services program at the University of Southern California's Marshall School of Business. He is a member of the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors (SIOR) and NAIOP. In the community, Hillis serves as president of the Mississauga Aquatic Club, where he also sits on the organization's board.

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