



The International Centre announces CEO retirement and succession plan

Michael Prescott retiring June 30th, 2018. Trevor Graham and Dany Lester assuming co-Chief Operating Officer roles

Mississauga, ON – Thursday June 28, 2018 – The International Centre, a leading trade and consumer show and conference venue in North America, announced today that CEO Michael Prescott will retire on June 30th, 2018. The International Centre’s Vice President, Trevor Graham and Chief Financial Officer, Dany Lester will assume co-Chief Operating Officer roles.

“It has been a great source of pride to help build The International Centre over the last 23 years”, said Michael Prescott. “During this time, the facility has grown to be the leading venue in Canada for meeting and event planners. This is truly a testament to the hard work, commitment and inspiration of our staff, partners and clients.”

Prescott, who was inducted last August into Meetings + Incentive Travel’s Hall of Fame as an *Industry Veteran*, helped shape the industry for nearly four decades.

“Michael has been an instrumental leader in the growth and innovation of The International Centre” said Michael Rice, President of the Rice Group, which purchased The International Centre in December 2017. “He has been a driving force behind the transformation, progress and development that has established The International Centre as an award-winning destination.”

Dany Lester will take over as Chief Operating Officer, Finance and Real Estate Operations. In his new role, he will oversee all financial and real estate operations, including the Toronto International Design Centre. Dany has been with The International Centre for 25 years. Prior to joining The International Centre Dany managed a large and diverse Canadian real estate portfolio for Trucena Properties Limited.

Trevor Graham will assume the role of Chief Operating Officer, Operations. He will be responsible for the day-to-day operation of The International Centre and its various departments, which come together to deliver extraordinary events. Trevor joined The International Centre in March of 2013 as Vice President of Sales and was promoted to Vice President in 2016. He has an extensive background in hospitality management both in operational roles as well as sales and marketing. Prior to joining the Centre, Trevor was Vice President of Operations for the O’Neill Hotel Group in Vancouver.

“Going forward, Trevor Graham and Dany Lester will provide a seamless transition and form a dynamic leadership team”, said Rice. “Under their stewardship, The International Centre will continue to be the go-to destination for hosting memorable events in the GTA and maintain its position as one of Canada’s top trade and consumer show and conference facilities”.

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About The International Centre

The International Centre boasts over 45 years of success as the leading trade and consumer show venue in North America, and one of Canada's largest privately owned multi-purpose conference facilities. Located at 6900 Airport Road, offering complimentary parking for over 5,000 vehicles and surrounded by more than 10,000 hotel rooms, The International Centre is easily accessible from any point in the Greater Toronto Area. For more information visit, www.internationalcentre.com.

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