Nearly two years into the pandemic, employers in the nation's most competitive employment market are doubling down with improved employee benefits and programs: 'Greater Toronto's Top Employers' for 2022 are announced

TORONTO, December 3, 2021 – If you thought things couldn't get any more competitive in Canada's hottest employment market, you need to step back and catch your breath. The pandemic has made the Greater Toronto Area exceptionally competitive for employers – and the best are responding by improving their employee benefits and programs. That's the message from this year's *Greater Toronto's Top Employers*, announced this morning by Mediacorp Canada Inc. in a special magazine in The Globe and Mail.



"Many GTA employers are now going above and beyond our benchmarks," says Richard Yerema, Managing Editor of the *Canada's Top 100 Employers* project at Mediacorp. "These organizations are pushing the conversation to the next level and we're seeing new benchmarks being set for the workplace benefits and policies we write about each year."

The large number of head offices in the Greater Toronto Area has long meant that talented candidates had many options when it came to looking for new employers. With the pandemic's arrival, candidates with in-demand skills – such as software or other technology areas – suddenly found themselves being recruited by employers based far beyond the GTA. The dramatic growth in positions where candidates can work from home has created unprecedented competition among GTA employers.

"The past two years of lockdowns and working from home have made GTA employers take stock of their employment benefits, especially in health and wellness, and improve their offerings," says Kristina Leung, Senior Editor of the *Canada's Top 100 Employers* project. "The result is that our entire GTA applicant pool has become much stronger – employers increasingly view these programs as essential to the operation of their business."

Now in its 16th edition, the *Greater Toronto's Top Employers* competition is an annual editorial project that recognizes employers with exceptional human resources programs and forward-thinking workplace policies. Editors at Mediacorp evaluate employers on eight criteria, which have remained consistent since the project's inception: (1) Physical Workplace; (2) Work Atmosphere & Social; (3) Health, Financial & Family Benefits; (4) Vacation & Time-Off; (5) Employee Communications; (6) Performance Management; (7) Training & Skills Development; and (8) Community Involvement. Employers are compared to other organizations in their field to determine which offer the most progressive and forward-thinking programs. The annual

competition is open to any employer with its head office in the Greater Toronto Area; employers of any size may apply, whether private or public sector.

Founded in 1992, Mediacorp Canada Inc. is the nation's largest publisher of employment periodicals. Since 1999, the Toronto-based publisher has managed the <u>Canada's Top 100</u> <u>Employers</u> project, which includes 18 regional and special-interest editorial competitions that reach millions of Canadians annually through a variety of magazine and newspaper partners, including *The Globe and Mail*. Mediacorp also operates <u>Eluta.ca</u>, one of Canada's largest job search engines, which reaches millions of unique visitors annually and features editorial reviews from the *Canada's Top 100 Employers* project. The company also publishes <u>The Career Directory</u>, now in its 29th year – a free online guide for recent college and university graduates looking for employers hiring candidates from their educational background.

The complete list of *Greater Toronto's Top Employers* for 2022 was announced in <u>special magazine</u> published in The Globe and Mail this morning. Detailed reasons for selection with additional stories and photos were released simultaneously on the <u>competition homepage</u>.

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Greater Toronto's Top Employers 2022 Winners

Accenture Inc.
ADP Canada Co.
AIG Insurance Company of Canada
Alectra Inc.
AMD / Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.
Amex Bank of Canada
Arup Canada Inc.
AstraZeneca Canada Inc.
Aviva Canada Inc.
BASF Canada Inc.
BDO Canada LLP
Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP
Borden Ladner Gervais LLP
Boston Consulting Group Canada ULC

CAA Club Group

CAAT Pension Plan

Campbell Company of Canada

Canadian Roots Exchange

Canadian Standards Association / CSA

Canadian Tire Corporation Limited

Capital One Canada

Centennial College

Ceridian HCM Inc.

CGI Inc.

Children's Aid Society of Toronto

CIBC

Cisco Systems Canada Co.

Citi Canada

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, The

Corus Entertainment Inc.

Cox Automotive Canada

Credit Valley Conservation Authority / CVC

CRH Canada Group Inc.

Diamond Schmitt Architects Inc.

Distributel Communications Limited

Durham College of Applied Arts and Technology

Dyson Canada Ltd.

Ecclesiastical Insurance Office plc

Fidelity Canada

First Capital REIT

Fleet Complete

Ford Motor Company of Canada, Limited

Freshbooks

Fundserv Inc.

General Mills Canada Corporation

George Brown College

GlaxoSmithKline Inc. / GSK

Griffith Foods Ltd.

Halton, Regional Municipality of

HarperCollins Canada Ltd. and Harlequin Enterprises ULC

Hatch Ltd.

Healthcare Insurance Reciprocal of Canada / HIROC

Healthcare of Ontario Pension Plan / HOOPP

Henkel Canada Corporation

Hershey Canada Inc.

Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital

Home Depot Canada

Hospital for Sick Children, The

HP Canada Co.

Hyundai Capital Canada, Inc.

Independent Electricity System Operator / IESO

Interac Corp.

Intuit Canada ULC

Investment Planning Counsel Inc.

Kellogg Canada Inc.

Kinross Gold Corporation

Klick Health

KPMG LLP

Kruger Products L.P.

Labatt Brewing Company Limited

LifeLabs LP

Liquor Control Board of Ontario / LCBO

Loblaw Companies Limited

Loopio Inc.

Mackenzie Investments

Manulife

Mars Inc.

Mattamy Homes Limited

Mazda Canada Inc.

McCarthy Tétrault LLP

Medtronic Canada ULC

Mercer Canada

Metrolinx

Michael Garron Hospital | Toronto East Health Network

Mondelēz International

Municipal Property Assessment Corporation

Neighbourhood Group Community Services, The

Nelson Education Ltd.

Novo Nordisk Canada Inc.

Olympus Canada Inc.

OMERS

Ontario Dental Association, The

Ontario Medical Association / OMA

Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences

Oracle Canada ULC

Ornge

Panasonic Canada Inc.

Penguin Random House Canada Ltd.

PepsiCo Canada

Philips Canada

Points

Procter & Gamble Inc.

Ouestrade, Inc.

RioCan Real Estate Investment Trust

Rogers Communications Inc.

Rothmans, Benson & Hedges, Inc.

Royal Bank of Canada

RSM Canada LLP

R.V. Anderson Associates Limited

Salesforce

Samsung Electronics Canada Inc.

Sanofi Canada

Scarborough Health Network Ontario

Schneider Electric Canada Inc.

Scotiabank

Seneca College

Siemens Canada Limited

Sinai Health

Slalom ULC

Spin Master Ltd.

Stanley Black & Decker Canada Corp.

SUEZ Water Technologies & Solutions

TD Bank Group

Techtronic Industries Canada Inc.

Teranet Inc.

Thales Canada Inc.

The Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation

Thomson Reuters Canada Limited

TMX Group Limited

Toronto Community Housing Corporation

Toronto Transit Commission / TTC

Toronto Zoo

Tucows.com Co.

Turner Construction Company, Ltd.

TVO

Uken Inc.

UNICEF Canada

United Way of Greater Toronto

Unity Health Toronto
University of Toronto
Vaughan, The Corporation of the City of
Vena Solutions Inc.
VISA Canada Corporation
Walmart Canada Corp.
Women's College Hospital
World Vision Canada
YMCA of Greater Toronto
York Regional Police
YWCA Toronto
Zurich Canada