

BDO and FBBL agree to merge to substantially expand Montreal and Quebec presence

- Merger will add an additional 110 employees and five partners to BDO's Montreal platform -

Montreal, 04 June, 2015 - BDO Canada s.r.l./S.E.N.C.R.L./LLP, ('BDO') one of the largest accounting and advisory firms in Canada, is pleased to announce the expansion of its professional practice in Montreal with Fauteux, Bruno, Bussière, Leewarden, CPA, LLP ('FBBL'). As a result of this merger, BDO's footprint in the Greater Montreal Area will increase to nearly 300 employees and 27 partners. Following on from its recent opening of a Quebec City office in December 2014, the merger represents a further demonstration of BDO's commitment to the Quebec market.

Founded in 1984, FBBL comprises 110 employees and five partners and is widely recognised as the pre-eminent firm servicing the small and medium business community in the Greater Montreal Area. As a result of FBBL's location in the northern area of Montreal, the merger provides BDO exposure to the expanding North Shore submarket, including the thriving Laval municipality.

"This merger will be transformative for BDO's business in the greater Montreal area. We are joining forces with a firm that has a first-rate reputation among Montréal's business community. Together, we can provide an unparalleled level of service to Montreal's SME community." commented Jacques Filion, Managing Partner of the BDO Montreal office.

In addition to Assurance, Accounting and Taxation, FBBL's main service lines include Financial and Management Advisory and Business Succession Planning. Expertise in business succession planning is highly sought-after due to the increasing number of Quebec entrepreneurs who would like to enjoy retirement. This expertise will complement BDO's current strengths in the Montreal market place.

"With this merger, we can take our local expertise and in-depth knowledge of our client's businesses and leverage BDO's international network to help them reach the next stage of their growth stories. Together, we can deliver a formidable offering to the Montreal marketplace and we're excited by the opportunity for our people to grow and prosper within the wider BDO environment." added Gilles Bussière Partner at FBBL.

The combination of BDO and FBBL was effective as of May 31, 2015. FBBL was previously a member of the PKF North America Network.

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