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## For Immediate Release

The Canadian Association of Family Enterprise is a member driven National Association that is passionately committed to assisting families in business and building their pivotal contribution to the Canadian economy. For the past year, the CAFE Canada Board of Directors has been deliberating on the future of the association. In a process that was led by Lawrence Barns, CAFE's CEO, a task force was formed to study the best practices of other successful associations and to find the core services and benefits that CAFE members value most.

While the CAFE Canada Board and its task force has much work to do, one of the clear realizations that was reached was that CAFE needed the commitment of its executive team, and most importantly its CEO, for the long term.

While Lawrence was completely supportive of the board's direction, he decided that he did not want to make that level of commitment at this time. As a result we will begin a search for his successor to lead this vital project and to lead the next phase of CAFE's growth.

"I told my very first board meeting at CAFE that I thought five years was a reasonable commitment from me to the organization. I have fulfilled that commitment and believe with CAFE moving to its next phase, it is an ideal time to change leaders. I am excited to watch CAFE continue in the direction I was instrumental in starting and I am excited for the challenges I will be able to pursue." - Lawrence Barns, CAFE Canada CEO

"We are extremely grateful to Lawrence for his contributions to CAFE for the past five years. He successfully guided the association through a major governance change and oversaw the formation of a new system of board operations. Our National Board remains excited about the future of CAFE Canada, and we are delighted to support Lawrence as he moves on to new opportunities where he can bring his leadership to bear. Our search will begin immediately while Lawrence continues in his current role, ideally allowing for a smooth transition of leadership." - Allen Taylor, CAFE Canada National Chair

The Canadian Association of Family Enterprise (CAFE), a national organization of chapters, is Canada's only not-for-profit group dedicated exclusively to the support of family businesses and their advisors. Please direct all inquiries regarding this opportunity to:

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