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MANUFACTURING & PRODUCTION / FOOD PRODUCTS

www.myvega.com

Head office: BURNABY, BC Employees: 129

Times on Cdn list: 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017



#### **GREEN COMMUTER INCENTIVE**

With sustainability being one of Vega's main focuses, employees who do not require a parking spot and use another method to get to work (public transit, car pool, walk/run/skip, bike, etc.) are given a \$75 green incentive





#### 360insights

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY / SOFTWARE

www.36oinsights.com Head office: WHITBY, ON

Employees: 198 Times on Cdn list: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017





#### THE AWKWARD BIRTHDAY HAT

360insights celebrates birthdays for the coming week on Friday morning during team huddle. They sing happy birthday, enjoy treats, and each birthday employee gets to wear an awkward birthday hat until noon to 'earn' the lunch





#### Habanero Consulting Group

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY/ IT CONSULTING www.habaneroconsulting.com

Head office: VANCOUVER, BC

Times on Cdn list: 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017





#### **ONE HABANERO**

Habanero works hard to create an exceptional workplace culture and employee experience that spans all its regions. People are connected to each other, regardless of where they work, which contributes to strong company-wide collaboration and client satisfaction.





#### FreshBooks

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY / SOFTWARE www.freshbooks.com

Head office: TORONTO, ON

**Employees: 244** 

Times on Cdn list: 2015, 2016, 2017



Not only is PORCHFEST an acronym for FreshBooks' values, it's what they call their retreat to the Muskokas. FreshBookers bring their families and all costs are covered. There are no work related events at PORCHFEST - it's all about fun!



#### Flipp Corporation

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY / SOFTWARE https://corp.flipp.com

Head office: TORONTO, ON

Employees: 257 Times on Cdn list: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017



#### **FLEXIBLE VACATION TIME**

Everyone at Flipp gets a minimum of three weeks vacation. This ensures people have enough time to rejuvenate. The policy is also flexible and allows the management team to give extra vacation time to people who are working really hard.

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# Live your **Best Life** at Vega

Our commitment to constant improvement goes far beyond innovative plant-based products it's our secret to creating a workplace that's sustainable for our people,



**PROFILE** 

# Living the Dream

Best Life Week: one more reason 'Vegatopians' love their work

hat would you do with an extra week off work? That is, paid time off plus \$1,500 spending money? Nearly all of Vega's 200 employees – known internally as Vegatopians – get to choose how to spend their own "Best Life Week" and bonus money – whether that's travel-ling to an exotic locale or cuddling with their kids at home. This incentive to over-deliver on 2016 shared-company targets might sound too good to be true, but Shiah Bazeley, people and culture director, explains the program is a perfect fit for Vega's overall strategy.

"Vega's vision is empowering the world to thrive, and internally empowering our Vegatopians to thrive. We know if you're happy and fulfilled in your whole life, you'll come into work with that passion," explains Ms. Bazeley.

More than just a cash bonus, the reward reinforces Vega's core values of trust, passion, teamwork and people. Although each employee can choose their own meaningful itinerary, all staff will celebrate the company's 2016 achievements at one of two scheduled times - half of the staff in April and half in May. Everyone is responsible for figuring out how to cover the workload while colleagues are away. Although scheduling and coverage were more challenging this way, the buzz generated by having all staff work toward the same special holiday was worth the trouble, says Ms. Bazeley. And rather than reward a single top-seller or best employee, the program encouraged everyone to co-operate to win – or miss

out - together. "We are all a team," explains Ms. Bazeley. "We are not a company that solely celebrates hitting revenue targets. We know that the profitability and success of the business and brand are built off the efforts of a highly engaged team across departments - from our marketing team showcasing our industry-leading products to operations fulfilling consumer orders to our customer engagement team providing one-on-one service to our retailers and consumers.'

Best Life Week sounds amazing, but it's only the cherry on top of perks available to employees already: a professional chef serving a plant-based lunch every day, dogs welcome, a \$1,000 annual fitness subsidy and another \$1,000 for personal development. Not surprisingly, Vega's 2016 engagement



Julian Theriault is one of 200 employees Vega rewarded with an extra paid week off work and bonus money to celebrate his "best life." See more adventures on Instagram with #vegatopianlife. SUPPLIED



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#### **Shiah Bazeley**

is people and culture director at

survey revealed a fulfilling, trusting atmosphere. 100 per cent said they feel proud to tell others they work at Vega. 99 per cent said that people care about each other at Vega, and 100 per cent classified Vega as a great place to work.

Ms. Bazeley has enjoyed hearing how each Vegatopian interprets Best Life Week. Kathryn Landrigan, manager of business insight, normally uses her holidays for intense physical activities like biking or hiking treks. But with this windfall of time, Ms. Landrigan decided to reflect more deeply on what her "best life" would look like. The answer was family.

"Growing up, it was just me, my brother and my mom," she explains. "My brother is getting married next year, and my mom hasn't been feeling very well, so we thought it would be a cool opportunity to spend time chilling together, just the three of us."

She says that Vega's team culture and support for individuals still seem incredible to her, despite three years with the company. But even for Vega, a Best Life Week bonus is special.

'Time is our most precious commodity," says Ms. Landrigan. "Having an extra week to sort of 'do you' is pretty amazing.



#### Top 50 large & multinational organizations with > 1,000 employees worldwide



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#### Intuit Canada

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY / SOFTWARE

**Head office:** MISSISSAUGA, ON • **Employees:** 7,906 (343 in Can) Times on Cdn list: 2006, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014,

2015, 2016, 2017 Also ranked in: USA, UK, Asia, France



#### **OUTDOOR SPACES**

On the rooftop of their building, Intuit has a large outdoor patio, with patio furniture, picnic tables and umbrellas for employees to enjoy. Other outdoor spaces are also accessible and allow employees to get





#### ATB Financial

FINANCIAL SERVICES & INSURANCE / BANKING/CREDIT SERVICES

www.atb.com

Head office: EDMONTON, AB • Employees: NA (5,300 in Can) Times on Cdn list: 2009, 2010, 2015, 2016, 2017



#### **MYCAREER**

ATB's myCareer is a smart, simple resource for employees to discover their strengths, interests and passions. myCareer empowers them to invest in their personal and professional equity, to know their organization, and make a plan to become their best self.





#### Key Assets Newfoundland and Labrador

SOCIAL SERVICES AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES / HUMAN HEALTH AND SOCIAL WORK ACTIVITIES www.keyassetsnl.ca

Head office: ST. JOHN'S, NL • Employees: 1,540 (242 in Can) Times on Cdn list: 2016, 2017



#### RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE CARDS

Key Assets uses Recognizing Excellence Cards to acknowledge employees who demonstrate the organization's values. All senior managers and supervisors have the cards on hand and are encouraged to distribute them, often in conjunction with a small gift card.



#### Autodesk Canada Co.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY / SOFTWARE www.autodesk.ca/en

Head office: MONTREAL, QC • Employees: 8,965 (699 in Can) Times on Cdn list: 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 Also ranked in: Germany, USA, Australia, Singapore, UK, China



#### **AUTOBUCKS**

Employees at Autodesk can receive Autobucks - these bonuses are awarded to individuals or teams and are used by managers to recognize notable results or special efforts. Awards range from \$500 to \$1,500, based on the impact of their contribution.





#### Publicis.Sapient

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES / ADVERTISING AND MARKETING www.publicis.sapient.com

Head office: TORONTO, ON • Employees: 13,643 (299 in Can) Times on Cdn list: 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017



#### **BRIGHT HORIZONS BACK UP CARE**

Through a partnership with Bright Horizons Back up Care, Publicis. Sapient employees receive 15 days per year of care for their dependent child(ren) or elderly family member. This alleviates the stress and burden of making last minute arrangements.



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#### TOP 50 MEDIUM ORGANIZATIONS WITH 50-999 EMPLOYEES IN CANADA

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Wynford/EventSimple PROFESSIONAL SERVICES • www.wynfordtwg.com / www.eventsimple.ca

**COMMUTER BENEFITS.** Driving to get to Wynford/EventSimple offices? They fully subsidize employees' monthly Head office: TORONTO, ON Employees: 81 parking fees. Alternately, if employees use public transit to get to work, they will provide them with a monthly transit Times on Cdn list: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

Royal LePage Performance Realty construction, INFRASTRUCTURE & REAL ESTATE / REAL ESTATE • www.performancerealty.ca Head office: OTTAWA, ON

and celebrate milestones.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY CELEBRATION. The CEO and Management team at Royal LePage Performance **Employees:** 410 • Times on Cdn list: 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 Realty hosts an administrative Staff appreciation dinner annually at their home. The Staff are waited on and, pampered by the managers and all leave with a gift as recognition of their contribution to the firm.

**Traction on Demand** INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY • www.tractionondemand.com

Head office: BURNABY, BC KIVA ACCOUNT. Traction On Demand provides all new hires with a KIVA micro loan account. KIVA Accounts help Employees: 273 entrepreneurs in developing countries get a solid start and this practice reinforces to new employees how much Times on Cdn list: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

Traction values building community.

DevFacto Technologies Inc. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY / IT CONSULTING • www.devfacto.com **HEALTHY WORKSTATIONS.** Employees at DevFacto are provided a number of amenities to ensure their private office Head office: EDMONTON, AB is a healthy and ergonomic. This includes natural light, ergonomic chairs, rising desks, access to a treadmill desk and Employees: 79 Times on Cdn list: 2015, 2017 \$300 to purchase anything else they need.

**Axonify Inc.** INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY / SOFTWARE • www.axonify.com

Head office: WATERLOO, ON **MONTHLY TEAM LUNCHES.** Busy schedules often make team events difficult to coordinate but not at Axonify! Frequent and transparent Employees: 119 communications are a priority so Axonify caters monthly team lunches, where all employees gather for updates, shout-outs, and to share

Klick Inc. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES / ADVERTISING AND MARKETING • WWW.klick-inc.com

Head office: TORONTO, ON WEEKLY TAVERN. Every Friday from 4:30 pm on, the Klick Café turns into a bar with new employees bartending. Bar policy is, "give what you want" and donations collected are given to charities chosen by employees. The partners provide the beverages Employees: 600 • Times on Cdn list: 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and snacks!

The Ian Martin Group PROFESSIONAL SERVICES / STAFFING & RECRUITMENT • WWW.ianmartin.com Head office: OAKVILLE, ON

GET ACTIVE. In an effort to improve health and wellness at Ian Martin, each staff member is given a Garmin step Employees: 103 tracking device and put on a team to increase physical activity. Staff can also sign up for Monday noon Yoga classes. Times on Cdn list: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

SaskCentral (Credit Union Central of Saskatchewan) FINANCIAL SERVICES & INSURANCE / INVESTMENTS • WWW.saskcentral.com GIFT DAY. All employees at SaskCentral have one paid day off during the year called a Gift Day. This day may be taken Head office: REGINA, SK Employees: 73 • Times on Cdn list: 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, at any time during the year, with approval of the employee's supervisor. 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017





**Ariad Communications Inc** 

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Times on Cdn list: 2017







Kicking Horse Coffee MANUFACTURING & PRODUCTION / FOOD PRODUCTS / BEVERAGES • WWW.kickinghorsecoffee.com

Head office: INVERMERE, BC FREE KICK ASS COFFEE! Kicking Horse Coffee keeps staff well fueled. All you can drink coffee, tea and lattes. Employees: 92 One pound of coffee for home every week. 5 lbs of coffee to give to family and friends over the holidays. Talk about Times on Cdn list: 2015, 2016, 2017

Sandvine TELECOMMUNICATIONS • www.sandvine.com

Head office: WATERLOO, ON GAME LOUNGES. Sandvine's main workspaces have a lounge area with video games and Netflix, foosball, ping pong **Employees:** 273 • **Times on Cdn list:** 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017 or air hockey table, and space to take a break or have an informal conversation. Musical instruments are provided for impromptu iam sessions.



Ariad Communications Inc. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES / ADVERTISING AND MARKETING • www.ariad.ca

Head office: TORONTO, ON FRESH FRUIT MONDAYS. Every Monday morning, Ariad supplies employees with bountiful bowls of fresh, seasonal fruit to grace Employees: 99 • Times on Cdn list: 2009, 2011, 2012, the counters of the kitchen. Keenly anticipated, this tradition offers employees healthy snacking options throughout the week. 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017



Fuller Landau LLP PROFESSIONAL SERVICES / ACCOUNTING, BOOKKEEPING AND AUDITING • www.fullerllp.com

Head office: TORONTO, ON TAX SEASON PERKS. To recognize employees' hard work during tax season, Fuller Landau brings in a weekly Employees: 125 • Times on Cdn list: 2006, 2007, 2008, massage therapist, daily catered dinners, and a variety of healthy snacks. An extra perk? Weekly smoothies, served up 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 by the Partners and delivered on a cart, every Friday!



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#### TOP 50 LARGE & MULTINATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WITH > 1,000 EMPLOYEES WORLDWIDE

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Microsoft Canada Inc. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY • www.microsoft.com/en/ca

Head office: MISSISSAUGA, ON • Employees: 110,790 (1,283 in Can) Times on Cdn list: 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017 • Also ranked in: Japan, Poland, Greece and 6 more

ACTIVE LIVING PROGRAM. Microsoft provides \$500 per fiscal year towards "Active Living" expenses. This includes their Corporate Membership with GoodLife Fitness, which provides a 50% discount for the employee and up to four members of the same household.



Grant Thornton LLP PROFESSIONAL SERVICES / ACCOUNTING, BOOKKEEPING AND AUDITING • www.GrantThornton.ca

Head office: TORONTO, ON • Employees: 1,817 (1,729 in Can) Times on Cdn list: 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

WALL OF APPRECIATION. In their Toronto office, Grant Thornton created a "wall of appreciation" where employees could write messages to co-workers telling them what they like and appreciate about them. Every person in the office received a wonderful message of praise from a co-worker.



Kronos Incorporated INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY • www.kronos.ca

Times on Cdn list: 2015, 2016, 2017

REST ROOMS AND MEDITATION AREAS. Kronos has several rooms in their Canadian facilities dedicated to naps, reflection, meditation, and religious observance These rooms can be used by employees at any time to rest, reflect and recharge as



Head office: MISSISSAUGA, ON • Employees: 5,100 (363 in Can)

Also ranked in: Australia, India

Head office: TORONTO, ON • Employees: 3,804 (121 in Can)

Head office: TORONTO, ON • Employees: 3,000 (82 in Can)

Head office: TORONTO, ON • Employees: 1,572 (220 in Can)

Times on Cdn list: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

Times on Cdn list: 2016, 2017

necessary. Morningstar Canada FINANCIAL SERVICES & INSURANCE / INVESTMENTS • www.morningstar.ca

> FREE BEVERAGES & FRUIT. It's a small thing, but Morningstar knows how important a good cup of coffee is! They provide professional, barista-style coffee machines that make regular or decaf espressos, lattes, hot chocolate, and cappuccinos.



Maxus Canada Ltd. MEDIA • www.maxusglobal.ca

Also ranked in Australia G Adventures RETAIL / SPECIALTY • www.gadventures.com

Times on Cdn list: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

MAXUS SPORTS NIGHTS. Maxus is committed to health and wellness and rents out the gym of a local church across the street on a bi-weekly basis for scrimmage of various different sports. All-levels welcome!

**TRAVEL SUBSIDY.** Employees at G Adventures are entitled to one FAM (familiarization trip) every 10 months.

There are no destination restrictions, and G covers the cost of the trip up to \$3,000. In addition, employees are

This year they also launched 'Fresh Fruit Mondays' to start the week right!



AOL Canada MEDIA / ONLINE INTERNET SERVICES • WWW.aol.ca

Head office: TORONTO, ON • Employees: 5,566 (122 in Can) Times on Cdn list: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

WHOLE BODY WELLNESS. AOL is committed to employee wellness. They provide yoga and meditation on a weekly basis in their main boardroom. As well, during their wellness weeks held a few times a year, individual Reiki treatments are provided free of charge.



BMW Canada Inc. MANUFACTURING & PRODUCTION / AUTOMOTIVE • www.bmwgroup.ca

Head office: RICHMOND HILL, ON • Employees: 105,876 (184 in Can) Times on Cdn list: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 Also ranked in: Portugal

THE ULTIMATE DRIVE EXPERIENCE. All associates at BMW Canada are eligible to register for a newly launched vehicle (e.g. new 7 Series) for a test drive overnight. They can drive the vehicle home and share the experience with their family and friends.











AbbVie Corporation BIOTECHNOLOGY & PHARMACEUTICALS • www.abbvie.ca Head office: SAINT-LAURENT, QC • Employees: 28,000 (514 in Can)

Times on Cdn list: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 Also ranked in: Norway, Spain, Portugal, Greece and 13 more EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN. AbbVie's stock purchase plan allows employees to contribute 2% of their regular salary (annual maximum \$4,000) to the purchase of stocks and AbbVie contributes 2.5 times the annual maximum of \$10,000. Employees can also supplement their contributions with between 1% and 8% of regular salary towards the purchase of AbbVie stocks.



Randstad Canada PROFESSIONAL SERVICES / STAFFING & RECRUITMENT • WWW.randstad.ca DISCOUNT FITNESS MEMBERSHIP. At Randstad Canada they like to reward employees with perks for health and Head office: TORONTO, ON • Employees: 29,000 (862 in Can)

Times on Cdn list: 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, wellness. Employees enjoy a discounted fitness membership as well as on-site Yoga and Meditation classes. They are 2015, 2016, 2017 • Also ranked in: Spain also treated to on-site chair massages.

entitled to \$750 off their flight(s).



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Capital Markets Company Ltd (Capco) PROFESSIONAL SERVICES / CONSULTING - MANAGEMENT · WWW.Capco.com Head office: TORONTO, ON • Employees: 3,265 (185 in Can)

BABY LOVE. At Capco they take care of new parents. Employees receive \$10,000 towards Adoption Assistance. Capco also provides 18 weeks of salary top up for parental leave.

Yum! Restaurants Canada HOSPITALITY / FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE • WWW. YUM. COM

Head office: VAUGHAN, ON • Employees: 1,500,000 (126 in Can) Times on Cdn list: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

Times on Cdn list: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

Also ranked in: USA

1/2 DAY FRIDAYS ALL YEAR ROUND. Employees at Yum! enjoy "Half-Day Fridays" all year round. They feel this benefit is key in promoting work/life balance for their employees who dedicate so much of their time to



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Amaya Software INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY / SOFTWARE • WWW.amayasoftware.com

Head office: RICHMOND HILL, ON Employees: 260 Times on Cdn list: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 HARD WORK PAYS OFF. After a successful rollout or completed project that greatly benefits Amaya Software, all employees who worked on the project receive either a spot bonus cash award or the opportunity to enjoy a weekend away with their spouse up to \$2,500.

AppCentrica Inc. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY • www.appcentrica.com

Head office: TORONTO, ON Employees: 53 Times on Cdn list: 2017

MINI-RETIREMENT. AppCentrica offers a mini-retirement program every three years: an extended 5 or 6 week vacation and a bonus to fund their adventure. "AppCentricans" have returned with great stories and photos from Africa, Japan, South America, Iceland, the Caribbean and other fabulous places.

Online Business Systems INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY / IT CONSULTING • WWW.obsglobal.com

Head office: WINNIPEG, MB Employees: 253 • Times on Cdn list: 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

VET AWARDS. Vet Awards at Online Business Systems recognize Onliners celebrating milestone anniversaries - 5, 10, 15 years, etc. They receive their choice of gift from a large selection of items valued up to \$5,000, and are honoured at annual Holiday Parties.



Beyond Technologies INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY / IT CONSULTING • www.beyondtechnologies.com

3 EXTRA DAYS OFF AT CHRISTMAS. Beyond Technologies bridges the gap between the stat holidays of Boxing Day & New Years Head office: MONTREAL, QC **Employees: 125** with three paid days off. Basically this is an extra week of vacation to spend with family, friends or however employees want! Times on Cdn list: 2015, 2017









**eXplorance Inc.** *INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY / SOFTWARE* • www.explorance.com

Head office: MONTREAL, QC Employees: 120 Times on Cdn list: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 UNLIMITED TIME OFF. At eXplorance, mutual respect is key to their culture. Employees are given unlimited time off and simply must keep the company's interests at heart. They also shut down for a week in the summer to ensure everyone enjoys the sun!

Points International Ltd. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY / SOFTWARE • WWW.points.com

Head office: TORONTO, ON POINTS SUMMER FUN. At Points, their version of the company picnic lasts two whole months! Get 10 fellow Employees: 182 employees from across the company to sign up for an activity and Points will cover the tab! It's an opportunity for Times on Cdn list: 2015, 2016, 2017 Pointsters to mingle with other departments and build relationships.

The PEER Group Inc. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY / SOFTWARE • WWW.peergroup.com

Head office: KITCHENER, ON Employees: 102 Times on Cdn list: 2008, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

**ERGONOMIC EXCELLENCE.** Everyone at PEER Group gets a \$1,000 Aeron chair plus ergonomic keyboards, foot rests and sit/stand options if required. Cubicles are full height. For multi-tasking like a boss, multiple 22-24" LCD displays sport a superb 1920 x 1080 full HD resolution.



Simply Green Home Services Inc. RETAIL • www.mysimplygreen.com

SIMPLY SPOTLIGHT. At Simply Green they have a weekly award recognizing the team member who best exemplifies Head office: TORONTO, ON **Employees:** 66 their values. Recipients receive a \$100 bonus, their photo is taken and displayed across all offices with an additional Times on Cdn list: 2016, 2017 mention in the Monthly Newsletter.

Gardiner Roberts LLP PROFESSIONAL SERVICES / LEGAL • WWW.grllp.com

Head office: TORONTO, ON Employees: 133 Times on Cdn list: 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2017 SICK/QUIET ROOM. Employees at Gardiner Roberts who are feeling tired or ill can use the sick room to rest up. It's equipped with a bed, emergency first aid equipment, medication, adjustable lighting, and is strategically located in a quiet area.



**O2E Brands Inc.** PROFESSIONAL SERVICES / HOME SERVICES • www.o2ebrands.com

Head office: VANCOUVER, BC Employees: 374 • Times on Cdn list: 2007, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

SALES CENTER INCENTIVES. O2E Brands runs a highly motivating incentive program that recognizes, hourly, daily, weekly and monthly goals. Sales Agents can win cash and great prizes including ipads, trips, travel vouchers, TV's and paid days off work.



**Vermilion Energy** MANUFACTURING & PRODUCTION / ENERGY • www.vermilionenergy.com

Head office: CALGARY, AB **Employees:** 236 • Times on Cdn list: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 FLOOR CAFES. Each floor in the Vermilion Energy office is furnished with two kitchens, and each is equipped with a cappuccino/coffee machine, TV screen with BNN, café seating, free juice, tea and coffee, and a filtered water dispenser.



Employees: 94

Employees: 230 Times on Cdn list: 2017

Head office: TORONTO, ON

Times on Cdn list: 2017

Employees: 115

Eagle Professional Resources Inc. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES / STAFFING & RECRUITMENT • www.eagleonline.com Head office: TORONTO, ON

3 DAYS TO CELEBRATE YOU. Eagle staff enjoy three days off to celebrate who they are! First on their birthday. The second to celebrate their ethnic, cultural, or religious background (Diversity & Inclusion Day). The third to get involved Times on Cdn list: 2015, 2016, 2017 in their communities (Volunteer Day).

Experis-Veritααq INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY / IT CONSULTING • www.experis-veritaaq.ca

Head office: OTTAWA, ON HOLIDAY GIFT EXCHANGE. Teams at Experis-Veritaaq draw names and get together later in December to exchange gifts. It's always lots of laughs and great fun for the team and recipients trying to guess whom the purchaser was. Employees: 85 Times on Cdn list: 2015, 2016, 2017

BlueCαt INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY • www.bluecatnetworks.com Head office: TORONTO, ON EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION WEEK. BlueCat believes in the power of appreciation and regularly appreciate employees. In March

Industrybuilt Software INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY / SOFTWARE • www.industrybuilt.com

Head office: MISSISSAUGA, ON GREAT TECH TOOLS. Industrybuilt is a technology company, through and through. That means their employees are provided with Employees: 89 the latest gear and gadgets needed to stay on top of their game. Phones, tablets, webcams, web meeting accounts... all provided. Times on Cdn list: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

thank you cards, free breakfast, yoga classes, and desk drops.

**Resolver Inc.** INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY / SOFTWARE • www.resolver.com

SUPPORTIVE COMMUTING CULTURE. At Resolver's Toronto office, they can proudly say that 0% of their employees drive to work. To promote this commitment to commuting, they provide indoor bike racks and flexible start times as a way to support alternate commuting options.

they celebrate for an entire week with events like a chocolate fountain, burrito lunch, onsite massage therapy, personalized

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"At Beedie, our people are at the centre of everything we do. Developing community and a real sense of shared ownership is fundamental to our success and it starts from within by enhancing the well-being of our employees, creating opportunities to contribute, collaborate and prosper. Our team is our strongest asset."

Ryan Beedie, President



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Ryan ULC PROFESSIONAL SERVICES • www.ryan.com/canada

Head office: MISSISSAUGA, ON • Employees: 2,092 (193 in Can) Times on Cdn list: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

FITNESS PROGRAM. Ryan reimburses 75% of monthly membership fees (maximum of \$50 a month) for fitness club memberships.



Capital One Canada FINANCIAL SERVICES & INSURANCE / BANKING/CREDIT SERVICES • WWW.capitalone.ca

Head office: TORONTO, ON • Employees: 45,399 (1,130 in Can) Times on Cdn list: 2011, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 Also ranked in: United Kingdom, USA

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM. When an associate's goal is to further their education, Capital One is ready to support them. The Educational Assistance Program offers associates an annual budget up to \$5,000, to use for Certificates, Diplomas, Professional Designations & Professional Development Courses, tuition, books and eligible fees.



JOEY Restaurant Group HOSPITALITY / FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE • WWW.joeyrestaurants.com/careers

**Head office:** VANCOUVER, BC • **Employees:** NA (4,000 in Can) Times on Cdn list: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES. JOEY promotes from within. They hire the best and the brightest and have created an environment where people are inspired to grow, learn, and discover their full potential. All positions are posted internally and 95% of their management team has come from a front-line position.



FCT FINANCIAL SERVICES & INSURANCE / HOME INSURANCE • www.fct.ca

Head office: OAKVILLE, ON • Employees: 17,300 (797 in Can) Times on Cdn list: 2015, 2016, 2017

PERK CENTRAL. Employees at FCT enjoy a wide range of perks including Perkopolis, an online discount service, Kids and Company childcare membership, free coffee/tea; and at their Home Office a full gym with cardio and weights and onsite cafeteria.







**Stryker** HEALTH CARE / MEDICAL SALES/DISTRIBUTION • www.stryker.com

Head office: HAMILTON, ON • Employees: 28,000 (258 in Can) Times on Cdn list: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 Also ranked in: Mexico, USA, Australia, Spain

FULLY-EQUIPPED ONSITE FITNESS CENTRE. Employees at Stryker enjoy an onsite fitness centre with two treadmills, two bikes, an elliptical machine, free weights, a cable system, three 32-inch flat screen televisions and motivational artwork. This saves money and travel time versus an offsite gym.



Corby Spirit and Wine Limited MANUFACTURING & PRODUCTION / FOOD PRODUCTS / BEVERAGES • WWW.corby.ca

Head office: TORONTO, ON • Employees: NA (148 in Can) Times on Cdn list: 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

PRODUCT ALLOTMENT. Corby's products are sought after by many. Each year, employees are provided a specific dollar amount of product that they can purchase and they then use that to promote the brand and the products to family and friends.



Astellas Pharma Canada, Inc. BIOTECHNOLOGY & PHARMACEUTICALS / PHARMACEUTICALS • WWW.astellas.ca

Head office: MARKHAM, ON • Employees: 17,217 (140 in Can) Times on Cdn list: 2016, 2017 Also ranked in: Ireland, Spain, Brazil

STARPOINTS. Astellas employees have many opportunities to be recognized aside from bonus/compensation practices. Managers, senior leaders and cross functional leaders award employees StarPoints. Each point is equivalent to \$1 and can be redeemed for cash, gift cards or merchandise.



Edelman Public Relations Worldwide Canada Inc. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES · WWW.edelman.ca Head office: TORONTO, ON • Employees: 5,850 (249 in Can)

CURIOSITY DAY. Edelman's culture encourages employees to be curious about the world around them – to immerse Times on Cdn list: 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 themselves in the arts, culture, politics, literature, volunteerism... whatever they are passionate and curious about. Everyone gets one day off yearly to do so.



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RBC FINANCIAL SERVICES & INSURANCE / BANKING/CREDIT SERVICES • www.rbc.com

Head office: TORONTO, ON • Employees: 76,100 (57,746 in Can) Times on Cdn list: 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016,

STAR FINDER. More than 40% of new hires at RBC in 2016 were referred by Star Finders – employees proud to work there, and who want to present the same opportunity to others. Star Finders get rewarded up to \$3,500 for successful referrals.



Cadence INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY / SOFTWARE • WWW.cadence.com

Head office: OTTAWA, ON • Employees: 6,814 (60 in Can) Times on Cdn list: 2015, 2016, 2017 Also ranked in: USA, Ireland, India, Poland, France and 4 more VOUNTEER TIME OFF. As part of their commitment to volunteerism and giving back to the community, employees at Cadence are given five paid days off of work each calendar year to volunteer for a non profit organization or school of their choice.



**NetApp Canada Ltd.** INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY / STORAGE/DATA MANAGEMENT • www.netapp.ca

Head office: MISSISSAUGA, ON • Employees: 12,000 (170 in Can) VOLUNTEER TIME OFF. NetApp's Volunteer Time Off (VTO) program gives employees time to give back to Times on Cdn list: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 their communities through volunteer service. Employees receive five days paid annually to contribute to their Also ranked in: Austria, Germany, Switzerland, Australia and 7 more communities and many people use this program to volunteer at children's schools.



**Kiewit** CONSTRUCTION, INFRASTRUCTURE & REAL ESTATE / INFRASTRUCTURE • http://kiewit.ca

Head office: OAKVILLE, ON • Employees: 10,630 (1,700 in Can) Times on Cdn list: 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES. Whether you're an intern or an experienced hire, all Kiewit employees are given challenging and impactful responsibilities from Day One. Each year, salaried employees complete a total of 11,000 days of training.



TD Bank Group FINANCIAL SERVICES & INSURANCE / BANKING/CREDIT SERVICES • www.td.com

**Head office:** TORONTO, ON • **Employees:** 87,093 (56,670 in Can) Times on Cdn list: 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

TD ACHIEVE THE DREAM SCHOLARSHIP. The TD Achieve the Dream Scholarship is a \$2,500 entrance scholarship program recognizes the outstanding achievements of great Canadian students - the dependents of TD employees! Scholarships are awarded to candidates who demonstrate success both inside and outside the classroom.



**EY** PROFESSIONAL SERVICES • www.ey.com/ca

Head office: TORONTO, ON • Employees: 230,800 (4,659 in Can) Times on Cdn list: 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017 • Also ranked in: Belgium, Poland and 5 more

WORKPERKS™. WorkPerks™ for EY gives employees access to unique savings programs, offers and services from brand name companies, as well as from smaller businesses close to home and the office. This includes discounts on groceries and restaurants to car rentals and electronics.



**ARI** PROFESSIONAL SERVICES • www.arifleet.ca

Head office: MISSISSAUGA, ON • Employees: 2,298 (293 in Can) Times on Cdn list: 2017 Also ranked in: USA

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION TAKEN SERIOUSLY. ARI has two generous employee awards. Partners of the Quarter have multiple opportunities to win. They earn lunch with senior management and \$500 toward purchases. Partners of the Year receive \$1,000 and an all-expenses-paid trip for two in the Caribbean.



Cactus Restaurants Ltd. HOSPITALITY / FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE • WWW.cactusclubcafe.com

Head office: VANCOUVER, BC • Employees: NA (4,144 in Can) Times on Cdn list: 2015, 2016, 2017

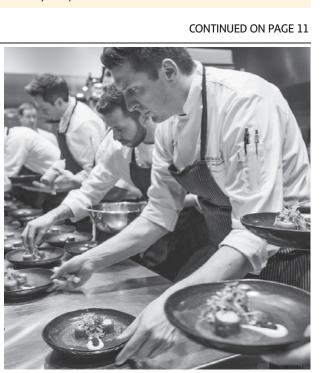
BLEED GREEN MEETINGS. Business partners from all Cactus Club Cafe locations celebrate each year with delicious breakfasts, fun costumes and hilarious contests. These events showcase Cactus employees' pride and "bleed green" spirit as business partners reflect on accomplishments and receive awards nominated by their peers.



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Ames Tile & Stone Ltd. construction, INFRASTRUCTURE & REAL ESTATE / HOUSING • www.amestile.com

Head office: NEW WESTMINSTER, BC Employees: 149 • Times on Cdn list: 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

Times on Cdn list: 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

Times on Cdn list: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

HRdownloads Inc. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES • www.hrdownloads.com

Urban Systems Ltd. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES / CONSULTING ENGINEERING • www.urbansystems.ca

Saskatchewan Research Council SOCIAL SERVICES AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES • WWW.Src.sk.ca

**DISCOUNTED MERCHANDISE.** Not only are staff at Ames Tile and Stone owners of the company through their share purchase program, they may also purchase company products for their own use at Cost + 5%. Family and Friends

receive a 40% discount off retail.

DNE Resources PROFESSIONAL SERVICES / CONSULTING ENVIRONMENTAL • www.dneresources.com

Head office: MONTREAL, QC Employees: 86 Times on Cdn list: 2015, 2016, 2017 THE DNE GONG. Employees that make a sale have a chance to hit the gong and let everyone know there is a new DNE customer. Following the gong hit, EVERYONE (even if in a meeting with a client) stops to clap – it's just the DNE way.

Employees can meet with the Accountant during business hours to have their returns completed. Spouses are also

True North Automation INDUSTRIAL SERVICES / ENGINEERING • www.truenorthautomation.com

Head office: CALGARY, AB TEAM BUILDING EVENTS. True North Automation hosts many events throughout the year to bring the team together. Employees: 70 Their Stampede party is always a favourite as is the summer family BBQ - all fully catered with great food, beverages, Times on Cdn list: 2014, 2016, 2017

 ${f T4G\ Ltd.}$  information technology / it consulting ullet www.t4g.com

GREEN VEHICLE INCENTIVE PROGRAM. T4G is concerned about the environment and they encourage employees to Head office: TORONTO, ON **Employees:** 229 • Times on Cdn list: 2008, 2009, 2010. purchase energy efficient vehicles. A \$1,000 subsidy is provided toward the purchase of a new or pre-owned "green" 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 vehicle with a total before-tax purchase price of no more than \$50,000.

Capri Insurance FINANCIAL SERVICES & INSURANCE / GENERAL INSURANCE • www.capri.ca

Head office: KELOWNA, BC SICK DAY POLICY. Capri Insurance has no sick day policy. Empowerment and family are strong values at the company, so rather than adhering to policy, employees are trusted to take time off when they need to for a sick day, a family Employees: 289 Times on Cdn list: 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2016, 2017 event or an emergency.

Lakeside Process Controls Ltd. INDUSTRIAL SERVICES / ENGINEERING · www.lakesidecontrols.ca Head office: MISSISSAUGA, ON **INCOME TAX FILING SERVICES.** Lakeside hires a Chartered Accountant each year to file employee tax returns.

eligible to use this service.

Beedie Development Group CONSTRUCTION, INFRASTRUCTURE & REAL ESTATE • WWW.beediegroup.ca

Head office: BURNABY, BC BEEDIE FIT PROGRAM. At Beedie's onsite fitness centre, the Beedie Fit Program covers the cost of personal training for Employees: 197 groups of three or more. Yoga, stretch and Pilates classes are also free. Admission fees for Gran Fondos, triathlons and Times on Cdn list: 2016, 2017 marathons are also reimbursed

JMP Engineering Inc. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES / CONSULTING ENGINEERING • www.jmpeng.com Head office: LONDON, ON CHRISTMAS AND SUMMER PROFIT SHARING. When financially feasible, JMP endeavors to share 10% of before tax profits with employees. They do this twice a year - Christmas and Summer - and the profit sharing payments are based on the preceding six **Employees: 90** 

month period.

Big Viking Games INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY / SOFTWARE • www.bigvikinggames.com Head office: LONDON, ON MILESTONE CELEBRATIONS. Big Viking enjoys celebrating milestones. Each new colleague gets a welcome dinner with all of their

Employees: 110 colleagues during their first week. Vikings get movie tickets on their birthday. New baby-Vikings receive a gift between \$100 - \$120. Times on Cdn list: 2015, 2016, 2017

Head office: LONDON, ON FRIDAY TEAMBUILDING. At HRdownloads, the entire company gathers together every Friday morning to announce **Employees: 78** department milestones, celebrate employee achievements of the past week, and participate in a teambuilding Times on Cdn list: 2011, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2017 exercise. This fun and relaxed weekly meeting helps the entire company stay connected and celebrate successes.

Scott Builders Inc. CONSTRUCTION & REAL ESTATE • WWW.scottbuilders.com TEAM BUILDING EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS. Employees at Scott Builders enjoy many company-sponsored events like Head office: RED DEER, AB Employees: 216 paintball, bowling, family picnics, skating, hockey, and golf. They are also treated to weekly staff BBQs in the summer and

Times on Cdn list: 2011, 2012, 2015, 2016, 2017 monthly birthday celebrations with cake and goodies. Intelex Technologies Inc. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY / SOFTWARE · WWW.intelex.com

Head office: TORONTO, ON SUBSIDIZED VENDING MACHINES. In the likelihood Intelexians get snack-y, they can head to the vending machines Employees: 357 for steeply discounted drinks, snacks, and chocolate. There are few days that aren't made better by a 35 cent full-size Times on Cdn list: 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 Kit-Kat bar.

PUBLIC TRANSIT SUBSIDY. Urban Systems provides a 100% transit subsidy to encourage using public transit for travel Head office: KAMLOOPS, BC Employees: 360 • Times on Cdn list: 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, to and from work. Hybrid courtesy vehicles and bikes are available in some locations to further encourage employees 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

Capital Engineering PROFESSIONAL SERVICES / CONSULTING ENGINEERING • www.capitaleng.ca SHOWING OF THE LATEST CHRISTMAS MOVIE. Capital Engineering rents a movie theater every Christmas and shows Head office: EDMONTON, AB **Employees: 80** the latest kids' Christmas movie complete with popcorn and pop for everyone. It's a great event for staff and their Times on Cdn list: 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017 families to get together for some family-fun before the holidays.

ONE TEAM COFFEE BREAKS. Saskatchewan Research Council celebrates significant accomplishments and external Employees: 360 recognition achieved as a result of teamwork. All employees join together for a coffee break, in person or by video, for Times on Cdn list: 2017 a short presentation and time to visit over coffee and snacks.

Toyotoshi Group Canada - Quebec Operations RETAIL • www.toyotoshigroupcanada.com Head office: MISSISSAUGA, ON JOB ROTATION DAY. Toyotoshi Group Canada - Quebec Operations invites all employees to try a new position that Employees: 173 they are interested in. Called Rotation Day, this is a special day designed to help people understand other roles in the

NEI Investments FINANCIAL SERVICES & INSURANCE / INVESTMENTS • www.neiinvestments.com Head office: TORONTO, ON FITNESS PAY. Not only does NEI Investments offer discounted Goodlife memberships to each employee but they also have a fitness reimbursement allowance. Employees can receive reimbursement up to \$2,500 for any fitness activity they are

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Times on Cdn list: 2017

Employees: 105 Times on Cdn list: 2016, 2017

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3M Canada Company MANUFACTURING & PRODUCTION • WWW.3m.ca

Head office: LONDON, ON • Employees: 89,298 (1,903 in Can) Times on Cdn list: 2016, 2017 Also ranked in: Ireland, Nicaragua, Greece, Portugal and 10 more ON-SITE FITNESS FACILITIES. All 3M Canada employees are encouraged to make use of their fitness facilities, which include equipment, free weights, and an aerobics studio featuring drop-in classes for cardio, strength, tone, and yoga, conducted by certified instructors on a weekly basis.



H&M Hennes & Mauritz Inc. RETAIL • www.hm.com/ca

Head office: TORONTO, ON • Employees: 148,000 (3,369 in Can) Times on Cdn list: 2015, 2016, 2017 Also ranked in: Mexico, Denmark, France, China, Europe

Head office: TORONTO, ON • Employees: 33,000 (320 in Can)

Also ranked in: Luxembourg, Spain, Belgium and 7 more

Times on Cdn list: 2014, 2016, 2017

Times on Cdn list: 2016, 2017

EMPLOYEE DISCOUNT. Employees at H&M receive a 25% discount on items purchased from any H&M group store. Discount applies internationally and includes additional 25% on sale items. Additional discounts on staff purchases are offered throughout the year.



**Τ]Χ Cαnαdα** *RETAIL / SPECIALTY • www.tjxcanada.ca* 

Head office: MISSISSAUGA, ON • Employees: 216,000 (24,289 in Can) Times on Cdn list: 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

TJX'S HOME OFFICE. TJX has multiple Games Rooms for associates to enjoy, furnished with pool tables, ping-pong, air hockey, foosball and xbox games.

IDEAS FORUM. Adecco's Ideas Forum is an opportunity for colleagues to share ideas on important topics relating

to company culture and business improvements. They collaborate, plan and implement ideas and this 'for and by'

our colleagues approach increases buy-in and adoption rates.



BMO Financial Group FINANCIAL SERVICES & INSURANCE / BANKING/CREDIT SERVICES • WWW.bmo.com Head office: TORONTO, ON • Employees: 46,034 (29,959 in Can)

The Adecco Group, Canada PROFESSIONAL SERVICES / STAFFING & RECRUITMENT • WWW.adecco.ca

Times on Cdn list: 2016, 2017

LEARNING FROM DIFFERENCES. The Learn from Difference program at BMO is an innovative, multi-year initiative aimed at building inclusive leadership capability among BMO's people managers. The program features a combination of e-Learning and leader-led team conversations around inclusion and has galvanized 6,000 people managers to act more inclusively.



SC Johnson MANUFACTURING & PRODUCTION / FAST MOVING CONSUMER GOODS • WWW.scjohnson.ca

Head office: BRANTFORD, ON • Employees: 13,000+ (300+ in Can) Times on Cdn list: 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2017 • Also ranked in: Argentina, Brazil and 12 more

SC JOHNSON STORE. Employees and retirees of SC Johnson can spend up to \$50/wk on a wide range of SC Johnson products at a significant discount. Ziploc, Glade, Windex, Kiwi, etc... the Store is a big hit!

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LoyaltyOne Co. professional services / Advertising and Marketing • www.loyalty.com PASS IT ON RECOGINITION PLATFORM. At LoyaltyOne, they are passionate about what they do and about Head office: TORONTO, ON • Employees: 1,338 (1,198 in Can)

Head office: TORONTO, ON • Employees: NA (NA in Can)

Hill+Knowlton Strategies Canada PROFESSIONAL SERVICES • www.hkstrategies.ca UNLIMITED DRINKS AND HEALTHY SNACKS. Hill+Knowlton provides free, unlimited access to a wide variety of



Times on Cdn list: 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, coffee and tea, soft drinks, juice and filtered water. Snacks are available in the kitchens, too, such as fresh fruit, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 yogurt and granola, crackers, chips, popcorn and other treats.

Thomson Reuters Canada Ltd. MEDIA / PUBLISHING AND PRINTING • WWW.thomsonreuters.ca/en.html

associates to send AIR MILES reward miles to each other.



Head office: TORONTO, ON • Employees: 52,000 (1,226 in Can) MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR CUSTOMERS. In addition to receiving a letter of congratulations from the Senior Times on Cdn list: 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013,

Leadership Team and a keepsake miniature Muskoka "Red Chair", Thomson Reuters employees earn "Appreciate" points (which can be redeemed for merchandise) when they go above and beyond with customers. 2014, 2015, 2017



Phoenix Contact Ltd. MANUFACTURING & PRODUCTION / ELECTRONICS • www.phoenixcontact.ca Head office: MILTON, ON • Employees: 14,000 (57 in Can) EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION WEEK. Phoenix Contact hosts a week of games and events for employee Times on Cdn list: 2009, 2013, 2015, 2017 appreciation. Activities have included massages, bowling night with prizes, Friday treats - cupcakes and an ice

Also ranked in: Switzeland, Germany, The Netherlands cream truck! The GM and Senior Managers also host a breakfast for all. Hilti Canada Corporation PROFESSIONAL SERVICES • www.hilti.ca



Head office: MISSISSAUGA, ON • Employees: 21,234 (495 in Can) **REFERRAL BONUS.** Great people know great people and Hilti's referral bonus encourages team members to Times on Cdn list: 2006, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017

recommend talented friends, ex-colleagues and family members to come to work with them. Employees Also ranked in: Poland, Panama, Ireland, Sweden and 4 more receive \$3,000 per referral hired once they have completed six months of service.



**Softchoice** INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY / IT CONSULTING • www.softchoice.com Head office: TORONTO, ON • Employees: 1,347 (906 in Can) EMPLOYEES HAVE ACCESS TO A GREEN COMMUTE SUBSIDY. Softchoice encourages its employees to take

Times on Cdn list: 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, a cleaner, greener commute and help reduce gridlock by subsidizing the cost of taking public transit to work. 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 They also encourage employees who are able to walk or ride their bike to work.



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Admiral Insurance FINANCIAL SERVICES & INSURANCE / AUTO INSURANCE • http://www.joinadmiral.ca MINISTRY OF HEALTH. Admiral Insurance has a Ministry of Health committee, responsible for initiatives Head office: HALIFAX, NS • Employees: 8,635 (453 in Can)

Times on Cdn list: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017 that promote a healthy lifestyle both physically and mentally. Programs include daily fresh fruit, on-site flu vaccinations, in-house yoga classes, on-site haircuts, massages in the workplace, and much more! Also ranked in: Spain, UK, Italy



Connect Hearing HEALTH CARE / MEDICAL SALES/DISTRIBUTION • WWW.connecthearing.ca

Head office: VICTORIA, BC • Employees: NA (405 in Can) PAID CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE & FEES. Connect Hearing provides fully paid conference attendance, including Times on Cdn list: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2017 travel and accommodation, for their Hearing Care Professionals. Almost half of the Hearing Care Professionals attend a global conference each year and attendance every three years is guaranteed.



Mercedes-Benz Canada Inc. MANUFACTURING & PRODUCTION / AUTOMOTIVE • WWW.mercedes-benz.ca

Head office: TORONTO, ON • Employees: 284,000 (1,560 in Can) Times on Cdn list: 2017

**EMPLOYEE VEHICLE PLAN.** Through the Vehicle Experience Program at Mercedes-Benz, employees can custom-order and take a 1 year lease on an MB vehicle at a discounted rate. The all-inclusive rate includes taxes and insurance. They can also choose to purchase a vehicle with the same discount.



Head office: SASKATOON, SK • Employees: NA (1,843 in Can) Times on Cdn list: 2017

Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority HOSPITALITY • WWW.siga.sk.ca

SIGA CUP. SIGA hosts yearly tournaments open to all employees to participate in Hockey, Golf, and Softball The events bring employees together from all locations with a supper and prizes at the tournament wrap up.



Scotiabank FINANCIAL SERVICES & INSURANCE • www.scotiabank.com

Head office: TORONTO, ON • Employees: 83,708 (35,192 in Can) Times on Cdn list: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 Also ranked in: Mexico, Peru, El Salvador and 4 more

iLEAD. iLEAD is Scotiabank's program for developing management and leadership skills, focussed on developing coaching skills at all levels of management and increasing employees' digital literacy through partnerships with educational institutions. They continue to develop learning experiences inside and outside the classroom.





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-Zane Hansen, President and CEO, Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority



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Sklar Wilton & Associates

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES / CONSULTING - MGMT www.sklarwilton.com

Head office: TORONTO, ON • Employees: 36

They have a Healthy Snacking Centre stocked with nutritious food to encourage healthy snacking throughout the day.

Pace Technical Services Inc. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY / IT CONSULTING

www.pacetechnical.com

Head office: RICHMOND HILL, ON • Employees: 28 Pace sponsors many formal and informal gatherings for staff and their partners throughout the year.

Cresa Alberta

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES www.cresa.com/alberta

Head office: CALGARY, AB • Employees: 25

Staff gets to leave work at 3PM every Friday and at noon before long weekends.

Tungsten Revenue Consultants INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Head office: MONTREAL, QC • Employees: 26 Their Culture Committee has company leadership, departmental representation and a budget of \$1,500 per employee annually.

www.tungstenrev.com

Rittal Systems Ltd.

**MANUFACTURING & PRODUCTION** www.rittal.ca

Head office: MISSISSAUGA, ON • Employees: 49

Team Members have daily online training delivered to their desktop, including brain challenging exercises and games.

Unata

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY www.unata.com

Head office: TORONTO, ON • Employees: 37

Every Wednesday, every employee has the option to work from

Climax Media Inc.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY www.climaxmedia.com

Head office: TORONTO, ON • Employees: 42

There is never a day where any employee will leave without learning or teaching something.

Gibbons Whistler

HOSPITALITY

www.gibbonswhistler.com

Head office: WHISTLER, BC • Employees: 28 All employees are invited to a free "Family Dinner" every Wednesday to enjoy each other's company outside of work hours.

Bloom Search Marketing PROFESSIONAL SERVICES /

ADVERTISING AND MARKETING www.makeitbloom.com

Head office: MONTREAL, QC • Employees: 29 All employees can enjoy a 15 minute chair massage each quarter.

**Eco-Counter** 

MANUFACTURING & PRODUCTION / ELECTRONICS www.eco-counter.com

**Head office:** MONTREAL, QC • **Employees:** 15

They provide subscriptions to Bixi bike share and Car2Go to reduce the need to own a personal vehicle.

Bryson & Associates Insurance Brokers LTD

FINANCIAL SERVICES & INSURANCE www.brysoninsurance.ca

Head office: AJAX, ON • Employees: 38

Every employee has monthly, individual coaching opportunities.

Meltwater

MEDIA / ONLINE INTERNET SERVICES www.meltwater.com

Head office: TORONTO, ON • Employees: 47

Every last workday of the month, every office dresses up in a themed costume. Happy hour typically follows.

Consumer Protection BC

SOCIAL SERVICES AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES www.consumerprotectionbc.ca

Head office: VICTORIA, BC • Employees: 43 GIVE Committee organizes internally-focused events with the purpose of supporting local charities.

Sparkrock

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY / SOFTWARE www.sparkrock.com

Head office: TORONTO, ON • Employees: 48 They keep their kitchen stocked weekly with snacks and organic fruit.

**TechBlocks** 

On Salad Thursdays, all employees eat lunch together.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

www.tblocks.com

Head office: VAUGHAN, ON • Employees: 25

They promote a healthy work-life balance by allowing employees to come in later, leave early or work from home.



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