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HSBC BANK CANADA RATED ONE OF THE TOP EMPLOYERS IN THE COUNTRY

HSBC Bank Canada has once again been selected as one of MediaCorp's "Canada's Top 100 Employers" as featured in *Maclean's* Magazine and one of *The Financial Post's* "100 Best Companies to Work For". HSBC has also received recognition as one of "BC's Top 40 Employers" as featured in *The Vancouver Sun*, *The Province* and the *Times Columnist* newspapers.

Mr. Lindsay Gordon, President and Chief Executive Officer of HSBC Bank Canada, said: "HSBC is proud to be recognized as a top employer in Canada. At HSBC, we value diversity in all elements of our business and strive to empower our individual employees across Canada. HSBC is committed to building the strong reputation we have already established in Canada, developing workers who provide the highest standard of service to our customers as we continue to expand across the country."

Selection criteria used in MediaCorp's "Canada's Top 100 Employers" includes seven key areas: (1) Physical Workplace; (2) Work Atmosphere & Social; (3) Health, Financial & Family Benefits; (4) Vacation & Time Off; (5) Employee Communications; (6) Performance Management; and (7) Training & Skills Development. The list recognizes industry leaders and includes a range of businesses. The Financial Post's Top 100 list recognizes exceptional private-sector employers that are growing quickly and offer excellent career prospects.

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