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50 BEST MANAGED COMPANIES

They march to the beat of the best

Honouring Canadian-owned and managed companies



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Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies Gala got underway at the Westin Harbour Castle in downtown Toronto in grand style — with the booming drums of a marching band. In a toast to Canada's best in business, each table uncorked a bottle of Magnotta bubbly en masse, led by comedian and master of ceremonies **Sean Cullen**. Sponsored by Deloitte, CIBC Commercial Banking, *National Post* and Queen's School of Business, the 14th annual 50 Best Managed Companies awards recognizes excellence in Canadian-owned and managed companies.

"The recipients reflect the diversity of Canada's economy. Yet the similarities in their core values are striking: innovative thinking, product and service excellence and a commitment to people," said **Alan MacGibbon**, chief executive, Deloitte.

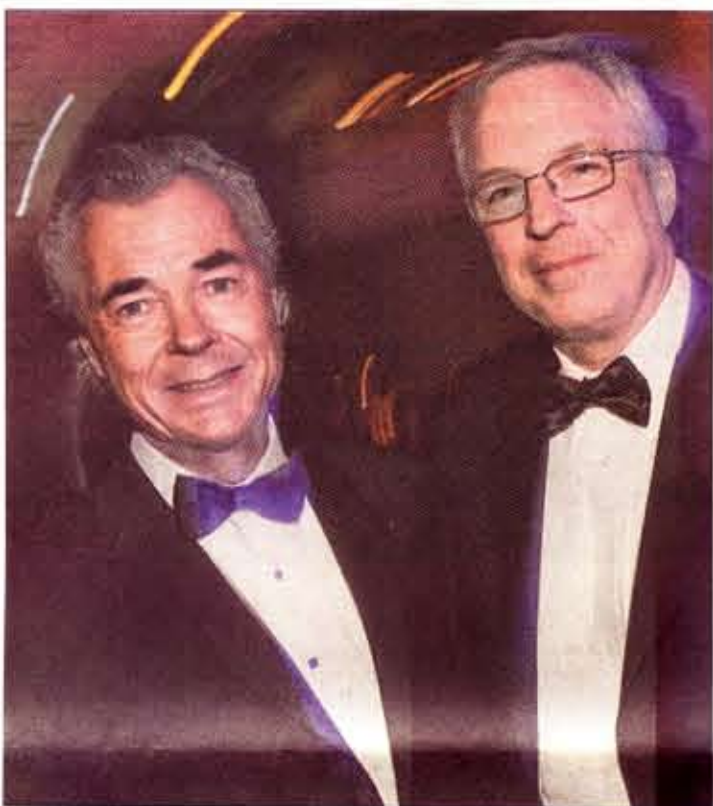
Those joining the ranks of Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies included **Kathleen Tremblay**, co-founder, Altis-Excel HR; **Wesley Armour**, president and CEO, Armour Transportation Systems; **Lloyd Craig**, president and CEO, Coast Capital Savings Credit Union; **Jeff Polovick**, president, Driving Force; **David Patchell-Evans**, founder and CEO, GoodLife Fitness Clubs; **Eddy Savoie**, owner and CEO, Groupe Savoie; **James Petrozzi**, CEO, M&M Meat Shops Ltd.; **Ab Freig**, president and CEO, Puratone Corp.; **Paul Lavoie**, chairman and chief creative officer, TAXI; **Derek Desrosiers**, CEO, uniPHARM Wholesale Drugs Ltd.; **Pierre Morrissette**, president and CEO, Pelmorex Media Inc.; and **Guy Goodwin**, president, Pizza 73.

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John Bowey, chairman, Deloitte, with David Saunders, dean, Queen's School of Business, and John Hughes, National Lead, 50 Best Managed Companies, Deloitte.



John Gagliano, president, St. Joseph Printing, with Marta Sinyard, St. Joseph Communications, Mark Patenaude, vice-president, St. Joseph Printing, and Ray D'Antonio, general manager, St. Joseph Printing.



Kevin Fleury, president and CEO, Tarpon Energy Services, with Donna LaForge, executive vice-president, Tarpon Energy Services; above, right John Rothschild, chair and CEO, and Nick Perpik, president and COO, both with Prime Restaurants of Canada Inc.; below left: Murray Hogarth, chairman, Pioneer Group, with son, Tim Hogarth, president and CEO, Pioneer Petroleum Ltd.; Randall Freeborn, vice-president, Semiconductor Insights, with Jenn Markey, vice-president, also with Semiconductor Insights.



From top, left to right: Jackie Dominelli, with husband, John, CEO, NRT Technology; Pierre Pettigrew, international executive advisor, Deloitte, with Jacques Plante, managing partner, Deloitte; Gail Pearson, with husband, Stephen, senior vice-president, Medical Pharmacies Group Inc.; Calvin Younger, senior vice-president, CIBC Commercial Banking, with Jonathan Harris, executive editor, National Post.

Above, from left: Tom Baxter, president and CEO, Graham Group Ltd., with Bill Flaig, president, Graham Construction and Engineering; Charlie Spiring, CEO, Wellington West, with his wife, Dana.

Top, Armand Sanguigni, president, and above, Lionel Persaud, Triple M Metal.