

Commercial Real Estate Community Celebrates Excellence with Four Honourees at 14th Annual REX Awards

TORONTO, April 8, 2015 /CNW/ - The Greater Toronto Chapter of NAIOP is pleased to announce the recipients of this year's individual awards for outstanding contributions to the industry. The honours will be handed out at the 14th Annual NAIOP Real Estate Excellence (REX) Awards on April 15, 2015 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

John O'Bryan will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award; Paul Morse will receive a special Directors' Award and Tony Reale and Andrew Hoffman will be the recipients of the prestigious Community Service Award.

John O'Bryan is Honorary Chairman of CBRE Limited and joined CBRE Limited in 2008. Prior to joining CBRE, he served as Managing Director at TD Securities from 1998 to 2008. With over 40 years' experience in the real estate industry, John's past accomplishments include selling in excess of \$8.0 billion worth of commercial real estate across Canada and negotiating over 4 million square feet of leases for major Canadian companies and institutions. John holds an honours degree in Estate Management and is a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

Paul Morse is the former CEO of the Real Property Association of Canada, and former Senior Managing Director, Office Leasing at Cushman & Wakefield. In 2003 Paul was President of NAIOP Greater Toronto Chapter and was a contributing volunteer to the association for many years including two years as Chair of the REX Awards Advisory Committee. In that capacity he was instrumental in establishing the criteria for the Office, Industrial and Investment team awards, oversaw the selection of the REX Awards finalists and ensured the transparency and integrity of the awards process.

Tony Reale is a Managing Director and the Head of Property Brokerage & Real Estate Advisory at BMO Capital Markets. He is responsible for the execution of national property brokerage mandates as well as buy-side advisory work. As a senior member of the Capital Markets real estate coverage team, Tony brings over 23 years of commercial real estate experience, covering advisory, property brokerage, acquisition due diligence and investment banking. Prior to joining BMO Capital Markets, he ran the real estate national advisory practice at Cushman & Wakefield (formerly Royal LePage Commercial).

Andrew Hoffman is founder and President of CentreCourt Developments, a real estate development company focused on developing high rise condominium projects in Toronto. During his 25-plus years in the real estate development industry, Andrew has been involved in some of Toronto's major residential, office, industrial and mixed-use projects including Four Seasons Hotel and Private Residences. Prior to forming CentreCourt Developments, Andrew was Chief Operating Officer of Menkes Developments Ltd.

Tony and Andrew each contribute a great deal of personal time to a number of community organizations including the Hold'em for Life Charity Challenge. They co-founded this organization in 2006 and it has raised in excess of \$18 million for cancer research and other worthwhile charitable initiatives.

"The award winners this year demonstrate a wealth of achievement and experience that is hard to match," says Craig Smith, President of NAIOP Greater Toronto Chapter and President of Ashlar Urban Realty Inc. "They are not only leaders in the industry, but they make tremendous contributions to their communities and we are pleased to recognize their great accomplishments."

The 14th Annual NAIOP Real Estate Excellence (REX) Awards Gala is the premier event for the office, industrial and mixed-use, real estate industry in the GTA. The gala on April 15, 2015 will recognize 'Best

of the Year' teams in seven award categories and a Developing Leader (35 years of age and under) recipient along with the four honourees.

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