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### **Call for Nominations: *IIAC Top Under 40 Award*** ***Nominations will be accepted until May 31, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. ET***

**Toronto, ON, March 28, 2016** – The *IIAC Top Under 40 Award* recognizes and celebrates the new generation of highly motivated and talented young professionals whose drive, dedication and personal and professional qualities and accomplishments have brought distinction to the investment/financial industry.

This year's recipient will be celebrated at the *IIAC Top Under 40 Award Judges' Reception* on October 27, 2016 in Toronto and will be also recognized later that evening at the *IIAC Investment Industry Hall of Fame Gala Dinner*. The recipient will also be awarded a mentorship opportunity with a top industry leader in association with the Smarten Up Institute's Mentor Program and be offered an individualized course of their choosing with the Smarten Up Institute in Toronto, or a course at a partner University or College.

#### **Award Criteria**

The nominee must have brought distinction to the investment/financial industry and/or have demonstrated excellence in one or more of the following areas:

1. Career Accomplishments
  - Excellence in any career position, other professional/academic achievements, etc.
2. Commitment to Canada's financial industry
  - Involvement in one's company events, workshops, etc.
  - Involvement with other professional bodies or business-related organizations
  - Promotion of the profession: communications (speaking, writing, media), recruiting students in the profession, etc.
3. Commitment to Education
  - Promotion of continuing applied education in order to bridge knowledge gaps within the industry
  - Teaching, mentoring, coaching, etc.
4. Community Service and Involvement
  - Charitable community work, service to the profession and other business groups

To qualify as a nominee, the individual must be a full-time employee of an IIAC Member firm, must be under the age of 40 as of December 31st of the prior year, and must not be a previous recipient of the award.

For a list of IIAC Member Firms, please [click here](#).

**Judging Committee**

An independent committee will approve and adjudicate nominations for the *IIAC Top Under 40 Award*.

Members of the Committee are not eligible to be nominated or submit nominations.

**Nominating Procedure**

Any member of the public may nominate an employee of an IIAC Member Firm by completing an online nomination form.

Past nominees are eligible provided that they are still under the age of 40 as of December 31, 2015.

**Call for 2016 Nominations closes on 5:00 p.m. ET, on Tuesday, 31 May 2016.**

To nominate someone for the *IIAC Top Under 40 Award*, please [click here](#).

**The IIAC – Representing Canada’s Investment Professionals**

The Investment Industry Association of Canada (IIAC) is the national association representing the investment industry’s position on securities regulation, public policy and industry issues on behalf of our [144 IIROC-regulated investment dealer member firms](#) in the Canadian securities industry. These dealer firms are the key intermediaries in Canadian capital markets, accounting for the vast majority of financial advisory services, securities trading and underwriting in public and private markets for governments and corporations. The IIAC provides leadership for the Canadian securities industry with a commitment to a vibrant, prosperous investment industry driven by strong and efficient capital markets.

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