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**FINANCIAL HORIZONS GROUP ANNOUNCES TWO STRATEGIC ACQUISITIONS, TO OFFER ITS ADVISORS A MUTUAL FUND PLATFORM.**

**SHERBROOKE, QUEBEC, JUNE 19, 2015:** John Hamilton, President & CEO of Financial Horizons Group (“**FHG**”), and James McMahon, CEO of Excel Private Wealth (“**Excel**”), are pleased to announce that FHG has purchased 100% of the shares of Excel, in exchange for cash and shares in FHG. The transaction closed June 1, 2015.

FHG now has a mutual fund platform for its advisors. FHG also announced that it has purchased Certika Investments Ltd. (“**Certika**”) as part of its acquisition of the R.G. Packman & Associates group of companies.

The management team, office and staff of Excel will remain unchanged. On a day-to-day basis, it will be “business as usual” for the advisors and clients of Excel. Excel will continue to operate under the ‘Excel Private Wealth’ brand with Certika eventually being merged with Excel. James McMahon will continue to be responsible for the operations of the company.

“These strategic acquisitions bolster Financial Horizons Group as we move into the mutual fund business,” said John Hamilton. “Advisors have been asking us to provide them with a platform for their money business and we are excited to finally offer one to them.”

James McMahon commented further to say, “We are very excited about this acquisition. Excel Private Wealth is a well-respected brand in Quebec and now offers advisors affiliated with the firm the services and support of a strong, national MGA.” James added, “We look forward to a strong partnership that will further enhance our offerings to our advisors.”

**About Financial Horizons Group**

Financial Horizons Group is a large Managing General Agency (MGA) providing life company products and services to over 9,000 independent advisors across Canada. Financial Horizons Group provides advisors with a mix of resources, products, services and value added support, helping them to grow their business. Financial Horizons Group and its staff of professionals have extensive experience in the life insurance industry, and are dedicated to providing accurate and timely quotations to advisors from the industry’s leading financial institutions. Financial Horizons Group head office is located in Kitchener, Ontario.

**<http://www.financialhorizons.com/>**

## **About Excel Private Wealth**

Excel Private Wealth is a financial services firm. They are registered with the *Autorité des marchés financiers* (AMF) for group savings plans, scholarships and financial planning and exempt market. They are also registered in Ontario as a mutual fund dealer legislated by the Mutual Fund Dealer Association (MFDA) and adheres to its rules and regulations. Their main activities concern wealth protection and management.

They encourage tax effective investment solutions with reduced management costs and offer solutions for individuals, affluent families, management companies and family trusts. The solutions put forward were originally developed for institutional mandates such as pension funds and insurance companies.

<http://excelprivatewealth.com/>

## **About Certika Investments Ltd.**

Certika Investments Ltd. is a mutual fund dealer registered in Ontario and Québec. The activities of Certika Investments Ltd. and its representatives are governed by a Code of Ethics and Conduct. The dealership is legislated by the Mutual Fund Dealer Association (MFDA) and adheres to its rules and regulations.

Certika Investments Ltd. is a part of the R.G. Packman and Associates Ltd. group of companies. In 2011, the name changed to Certika Investments Ltd. from Family Wealth Advisors Ltd., which had been a successful dealer since 2001. The experience level remained with Certika Investment Ltd. retaining all the veteran representatives as well as the Chief Compliance Officer from the former dealer. In addition to the original staff, a group of experienced branch managers, administrators as well as representatives joined Certika Investments Ltd. to make it the successful dealer it is today. In its first two years, Certika Investments Ltd. more than tripled its number of representatives as well as assets, and continues to grow and mature.

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