



Techweek Announces Toronto Executive Advisory Board

Top Tech Conference Headed to Toronto Announces Advisory Board of Local Tech Influencers to Provide Insight on the Local Tech Ecosystem

Chicago, IL (June 8, 2016) — <u>Techweek</u>, a leading technology conference and festival, will be debuting in Toronto this summer from July 25 - 31. In order to help identify and spotlight Toronto's top tech innovators, cultivators and ambassadors, Techweek has tapped some of the most respected names in Toronto's technology ecosystem to serve on Techweek Toronto's Executive Advisory Board.

This new Executive Advisory Board made up of ten local tech leaders, has been instrumental in selecting the *Toronto Techweek100*, a prestigious award list that honors outstanding companies and individuals within the tech community for their recent successes, promising company developments and for their part in helping to create a robust, flourishing innovation ecosystem. The Techweek100 is announced in advance of each event as a way of honoring those that make their city an exciting hub of innovation.

"Toronto is a huge expansion for us, as it is the fourth largest city in North America and the third largest tech hub," said Amanda Signorelli, CEO of Techweek. "The tech ecosystem is growing quickly, with investment levels and startup activity on the rise. Considering this, we immediately recognized that it was important for us to get the input and guidance of those most familiar with Toronto before selecting the Techweek100 honorees. These are the people that have achieved success in Toronto and want to help other local innovators do the same."

Members of the Techweek Toronto Executive Advisory Board include:

- INcubes & Eden: Ben Zlotnik, Founder & CEO
- Groupon: Rajen Ruparell, International Non-Executive Advisor
- Female Funders: Katherine Hague, Founder
- Real Ventures: Janet Bannister, General Partner
- SurePath Capital Partners: Mark MacLeod, Founder
- TMX Group: Anthony Di Lorio, CDO
- Impact Mobile: Gary Schwartz, CEO
- Dose Media: Talha Basit, CTO
- **JOLT:** Sue McGill, Co-Founder & Executive Director
- OMERS Ventures: Nicole Kelly, Community Director

The Techweek team and the Toronto Executive Advisory Board will release the members of the Techweek100 list on Tuesday, June 14. For more information about Techweek Toronto or the Techweek100 list, please visit www.techweek.com.

About Techweek

Techweek is a seven-day conference, expo and festival where entrepreneurs, tech visionaries and thought leaders gather together to enable to innovation ecosystem in the



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cities of Chicago, Detroit, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Miami, New York and Toronto. Techweek curates a compelling programming that allows a global spotlight to shine on each ecosystem and its leaders. Past speakers include Rahm Emanuel (Mayor, Chicago), Travis Kalanick (CEO, Uber), Craig Newmark (Founder, Craigslist), Dan Gilbert (Founder, Quicken Loans), Jonah Peretti (Founder & CEO), Susan Paley (First Employee and Former CEO, Beats by Dr. Dre), Peter Diamandis (Founder, X PRIZE) and Pitbull (World renowned musician). The Techweek expo has gathered more than 200 sponsors, including companies such as Google, American Airlines, Microsoft, Motorola, Redbox, Uber, Yelp and WordPress.