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ST. ALBERT'S FAST TRACK GROUP MAKES EXCLUSIVE LIST

FOR SECOND STRAIGHT YEAR

Company Ranks 40th on 2011 PROFIT List

St. Albert, AB – The 23rd annual PROFIT 200 ranking of “Canada’s Fastest-Growing Companies” will feature a number of organizations that have skyrocketed to national prominence, including the Fast Track Group of St. Albert, Alberta, which placed 40th on the list. Ranking Canada’s Fastest-Growing Companies by five-year revenue growth, the PROFIT 200 profiles the country’s most successful growth companies. Published in the Summer Issue of PROFIT and online at PROFITguide.com, the PROFIT 200 is Canada’s largest annual celebration of entrepreneurial achievement.

“The PROFIT 200 companies are the innovative, high-growth enterprises Canada needs to compete on the global stage,” says Ian Portsmouth, Editor-in-Chief of PROFIT Magazine. “PROFIT is proud to celebrate their achievements and ambitions, and we encourage all businesspeople to learn more about the many ways they’ve come so far, so fast.”

The Fast Track Group, which was founded by financial educator Darren Weeks in 2001, is not a newcomer to this prestigious list. They were slotted in 67th place on the 2010 list. The company has grown by an astounding 1,282% over the past five years alone. This quadruple-digit growth rate has the Fast Track Group firmly planted amongst Canada’s business elite.

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“There are over two million business enterprises across this country, so to make it on the Profit 200 list is obviously something we’re very proud of. For ten years now, our company has been changing the way people view their finances, and ultimately the way they view themselves. Our mission is to increase the financial literacy of every Canadian household. We’ve still got a lot of work to do. We’re here to stay,” says Darren Weeks, Founder of the Fast Track Group.

The company has expanded from a single office in St. Albert to 14 offices across western Canada and are eyeing expansion into eastern Canada in the near future. On top of the free financial education seminars the company puts on, they also offer an array of private investment opportunities through their Fast Track Capital division, which opened in 2008.

“We preach to Canadians that there are better ways to invest their money than using the mutual funds and GIC’s that the banks offer. It was a natural progression for us to be able to offer our customers an arena to do just that,” says James Sand, Chief Executive Officer of the Fast Track Group.

Fast Track Capital offers TFSA and RRSP-eligible private investments that are not tied to the public markets, in growth areas such as multi-family real estate, the energy sector and the cruise industry. For their latest investment opportunity, they teamed up with Royal Caribbean on the development of an 111,500 square foot commercial centre at the newly-opened Port of Falmouth in Jamaica.

Fast Track Capital gained notoriety shortly before the 2010 Olympic Games in Vancouver, when they committed over one million dollars to become the official sponsor of Canada’s Luge Team.

The group of companies also includes a Tax Strategy division which educates clientele on how they can reduce their tax burden, and most recently, a Real Estate brokerage that is being headed by real estate expert and author, Ken Beaton.

“Our Tax Strategy division has been a huge success and Fast Track Real Estate is a phenomenal addition. Expanding the services we offer our clients is really what allowed us to gain traction in this growth journey. However, at the end of the day, none of this would be possible without the tireless efforts of our staff and partners. Their commitment to building relationships with our clients is what will continue to put us a cut above the rest,” adds Sand.

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About the Fast Track Group

The Fast Track Group is the umbrella group of Fast Track to Cash Flow, Fast Track Capital Fast Track Tax Strategy and Fast Track Real Estate. These divisions are united in the mission of helping Canadians build financial literacy, increase their financial well-being and move forward on the fast track to financial freedom. As Canada's number one financial education group, Fast Track Group affiliated companies give you the knowledge and the confidence to change your life for the better, and the connections you need to build wealth and realize your dreams For additional information about the Fast Track Group, please visit the company website at www.fasttracktocashflow.com

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