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Four seasoned advisors join forces to form the MPB & Associates group

Montreal, November 23, 2021 – Bruno Masson, Jean-François Papillon, Sébastien Blais and Michael Cariglia, four experienced investment professionals from BMO Private Wealth, have teamed up to form MPB and Associates. The alliance will enable all four partners to solidify their wealth management service offering and combine their strengths to offer even more bespoke attention to their clients.

Mr. Masson, a CPA, CA and chartered investment manager, will continue to advise his clients while overseeing the group's business development. He brings to the table over 25 years' experience in finance, a global outlook on wealth management and outstanding interpersonal skills. Mr. Papillon and Mr. Blais, who previously formed the Papillon Blais Group, will continue to advise their clients while taking care of the group's portfolio management strategies. As chartered financial analysts (CFAs), they offer extensive experience in the financial markets, a proven investment process and enviable track records. Lastly, Mr. Cariglia will continue to manage his clients' investment accounts as well as develop the group's financial planning strategies. A financial planner with a global perspective and human approach, his forte is developing strong long-term relationships.

"This alliance will let us continue to help our clients plan, grow and protect their wealth. The vision we all share consists in adopting a personalized approach to ensure our clients' peace of mind. By creating MPB and Associates, we're combining our strengths to ensure our clientele's financial well-being using an integrated, tailored approach," said Bruno Masson.

The four advisors offer complementary expertise that will benefit all their clients. This effective multidisciplinary team will be supported by two customer service assistants, Tania Chiniara and Katrine Robin. Together, they stand to become one of Quebec's leading BMO Private Wealth consulting groups, in charge of assets of over \$500 million. They will also mobilize internal specialists from BMO Financial Group to develop coherent, cohesive solutions.

"Our aim is to pursue our proven approach while focusing on the vast experience and complementary strengths of the new associates," said Jean-François Papillon.

Sebastien Blais said: "Jean-François and I have some 40 years of combined experience in the financial markets, having worked together since 2003. We'll share our knowledge with our new associates and their clients while benefiting from their talents in turn."

"In creating this new group, we're harnessing our combined strengths to support our clients' financial needs. Together, we form an enhanced and effective team. My three coworkers and I share a culture of closeness with our clientele and we all subscribe to the same human approach, which is what sets us apart," said Michael Cariglia.

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