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Chartered Accounting Firms To Merge:

**Bessner Gallay Kreisman
and
Cogan & Associates**

A Growth Opportunity for Clients and Firm Members

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July 9, 2009 Ottawa-Montreal: Prominent Ottawa-Montreal Chartered Accounting Firms, **Bessner Gallay Kreisman and Cogan & Associates** are pleased to announce their strategic merger with an effective date of August 1, 2009.

The combined firm will operate under the banner of **Bessner Gallay Kreisman Chartered Accountants L.L.P.** and will employ over 100 team members between its Ottawa and Montreal offices.

The new Ottawa offices will be located at:

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The Montreal office will continue operating from:

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Bessner Gallay Kreisman and Cogan & Associates were founded in 1950 and 1980 respectively. They offer a wide spectrum of services including, auditing, accounting, taxation, wealth management, real estate, investigative and forensic accounting, finance, mergers & acquisitions and information technology.

From start-ups to mature organizations, the firm's clients include some of Ottawa and Montreal's more prominent businesses. Clients with international business interests or holdings will be served through the firm's membership in **AGN International**, a world-wide grouping of over 190 independent accounting and consulting firms.

Leonard and his team are a very welcome addition to BGK. Our expanded presence in the Ottawa marketplace bodes well for our business and our staff. **Cogan & Associates** is a great complement to our group and we expect to capitalize on enhanced service opportunities for clients, shares partner Michael McCrann, head of **BGK's** Ottawa office.

The additional resources of BGK's Montreal office are most attractive to **Cogan & Associates**. We will be able to serve a broader base of clients and there is a shared approach and philosophy in how we service our clients. This is a wonderful opportunity for all of us, observes Leonard Cogan, managing partner of **Cogan & Associates**.

Louis Ruta, managing partner of the Montreal office concurs, We have designed an absolute win-win scenario for clients and staff of both firms. Our increased numbers facilitate services to a broader client base and the merging of our firms allows for additional opportunities for employees.

For more information, please visit:

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