

**Ontario** Home Builders' Association

## MEDIA RELEASE ONTARIO HOME BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION WELCOMES THE INDUSTRY TO THE 2018 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**(Toronto) July 19, 2018** – The Ontario Home Builders' Association returns to Canada's capital for the OHBA 2018 Conference, September 23-25, 2018. Hosted by the Greater Ottawa Home Builders' Association, delegates from across the province will enjoy three days of industry insight, professional networking and fun activities. Registration is open at <u>conference.ohba.ca</u>

"Every year, I'm always excited at what the annual OHBA Conference holds. As the provincial voice of the home building and professional renovation industry in Ontario, the OHBA Conference is the place to be for top-notch speakers, and discussions on what changes are ahead and how to prepare for them," said OHBA CEO Joe Vaccaro. "The year 2018 is the year of the #homebeliever and OHBA looks forward to working with our industry partners and government to further the great Canadian dream of home ownership."

Delegates will be welcomed at registration presented by Sunbelt Rentals and given all they need to participate in the conference, followed by a Board of Directors meeting and Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation update. The conference kicks off with an Opening Reception presented by Enbridge and hosted by the Greater Ottawa Home Builders' Association. On September 24, the day begins with breakfast presented by Reliance Home Comfort<sup>™</sup> and a first look at the latest innovations in the Builders' Choice Exhibition. Other programs include the Annual Meeting of Members, an in-demand Climate Change Council panel talk and networking coffee breaks with Hydro One throughout the day. The keynote speaker Ray Zahab, an ultra-marathon runner and adventurer, presented by Blueprint Insurance Services, will motivate the crowd, followed by back-to-back sessions from Tarion Warranty Corporation and a panel discussion on the collaborative building approach within the City of Ottawa. The first evening gala will inaugurate the incoming 2018-19 OHBA President, at the President's Gala Pre-Reception presented by Union Gas, President's Gala Dinner presented by Cogeco, and President's Gala Post-Reception presented by Enercare.

The final day of the conference will be full of networking and activities before the prestigious OHBA Awards of Distinction in the evening of September 25. To help celebrate Ontario's best home building and professional renovation talent, guests will enjoy an Awards of Distinction Pre-Reception presented by Masco Canada, the Awards of Distinction Dinner co-presented by Rogers Communications Inc. and Federated Insurance, and Awards of Distinction Post-Reception presented by Moen.

<u>About OHBA</u>: As #homebeliever champions, the Ontario Home Builders' Association (OHBA) believes in the great Canadian dream of home ownership by supporting more housing choice and supply across Ontario. OHBA is the voice of the residential construction industry in Ontario, representing 4,000 member companies organized into 29 local associations across the province. <u>www.ohba.ca</u>

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