

## **NEW SME FORUM CHAIR APPOINTED AT CANADA-UK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**London, March 18, 2014** –Richie Clark, Partner & Head of Corporate at Fox Williams LLP and Board Director of the Canada–UK Chamber of Commerce appointed to Chair Chamber’s new SME Forum

The Canada–United Kingdom Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that Richie Clark, Partner & Head of Corporate at Fox Williams LLP, and Board Director of the Chamber will Chair the Chamber’s new SME Forum.

"The Chamber has a long and proud tradition of assisting many SME businesses on both sides of the Atlantic, and SMEs make up the largest group of our corporate members. I’m honoured to be appointed Chair of the SME Forum and am very much looking forward to this new role," said Mr. Clark.

**Mr. Clark will be hosting the Chamber’s SME Forum evening networking event entitled ‘Going International With Your Business –the pitfalls’ at The Innovation Warehouse in London on 26 March 2014.**

For further information on Chamber membership, forums and events, or to request a meeting with Mr. Clark, please contact:

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### **About the Canada-UK Chamber of Commerce SME Forum**

The objective of the SME Forum is to assist in the promotion of trade, investment and knowledge transfer relevant to small businesses from Canada and the UK. Advice will assist in the business development of SMEs from Canada and the UK including advice to start ups wishing to trade and invest in Canada and the UK. The SME Forum will be hosting its inaugural networking event on March 26, 2014 at the Innovation Warehouse in London –see website for details.

### **About Canada - United Kingdom Chamber of Commerce**

The Chamber is one of the most active international chambers of commerce operating in London hosting and co-hosting 30-35 events per annum. Chamber forums include: Energy, SME and Technology Forums. The Chamber’s approximately 300 corporate members elect a board of directors which currently includes representation from Alberta UK Office, Air Canada, Astrazeneca, Bank of Montreal, BlackBerry, Canary Wharf Group, CGI, CIBC, Dadco Group, European Trade & Investment Office for British Columbia, EY, Fasken Martineau LLP, HSBC Bank plc, Madano Partnership, McCarthy Tétrault, Nexen, Ontario International Marketing Centre, Quebec Government Office, Royal Bank of Canada, Scotiabank, Shell International, Stikeman Elliott and Toronto-Dominion Bank. The Chamber regularly hosts senior business leaders and politicians, such as Gordon Fyfe, the President and CEO of PSP Investments (21 January 2014), and the chief economists of Canada’s six largest banks, who will take part again on 13 June 2014 in an annual panel discussion hosted by the Chamber for the 5<sup>th</sup> year. The Chamber maintains strong ties with governmental and other bodies, such as the Canadian High Commission, Canadian provincial governments represented in London, the British High Commission and British and Canadian chambers of commerce and boards of trade. In recent years, the Chamber has welcomed many official dignitaries to its events, including sitting Canadian and British Prime Ministers, and former Heads of State. [www.canada-uk.org](http://www.canada-uk.org)