

Manheim Promises a New Auction Experience



Don Wallace - General Manager; Maria Soklis - President; Al Amarshi - Client Services Manager; Kevin Knudsen - Operations Manager; Jack Sulymka - Communications Director; Steve Coulman - Director of Commercial Accounts

Manheim Edmonton opened its doors to clients and colleagues in the industry on Tuesday, April 12 to celebrate its new ownership, which has been in place since January 1.

After three years operating the auction with a partner, Cox Automotive acquired 100 per cent ownership in the business through its Manheim Canada operation. It joins Manheim Canada locations in Vancouver, Halifax, Toronto and Montreal.

Manheim Edmonton General Manager, Don Wallace, says buyers at the Edmonton location now have a buying experience that is on par with the other Manheim locations across Canada and North America.

"We're able to offer more than we were previously, and the whole power of Cox Automotive is starting to show its benefits in Edmonton. When you're buying a vehicle from Manheim, you could be buying that car anywhere in our network and it has the same condition reports, the same inspections and the financing through NextGear," said Wallace. ❖

Dave Clark



Porsche 911 Debuts in B.C.

Aly Jiwani, GM of Porsche Centre Langley (left) with Christian Chia, President & CEO of OpenRoad Auto Group

OpenRoad Auto Group and Porsche Centre Langley recently hosted an exclusive launch event for the all-new 2017 Porsche 911 Carrera.

Aly Jiwani, General Manager of Porsche Centre Langley introduced the new generation of the 911 as "the icon of the luxury sports car brand."

Porsche fans were offered an opportunity to get acquainted with the new 911 while enjoying great food, fine wine, and the fellowship of like-minded 911 enthusiasts. ❖ J.K.

Destination Toyota Celebrates Grand Opening

Destination Toyota celebrated the grand opening of a new facility on April 26.

The Burnaby store boasts a new 90,000-square-foot facility with 28 service bays, express drive-through service, full-service body shop, car wash, and a dedicated parts & tire centre.

"The hiring of 40 new employees brings our total team to about 100 dedicated professionals," said Aziz Ahamed, Dealer Principal. "Through their efforts, and thanks to a range

of exciting new features at our new location, Destination Toyota will be able to take the service we provide to our loyal customers to a whole new level."

"This is a very exciting time for all the associates who work at Destination Toyota, all of the dealership's customers, and the Burnaby community as a whole," said Cyril Dimitris, Vice President, Sales, Toyota Canada. ❖ J.K.



(l-r) John Coburn, Vice President of Operations, Destination Auto Group; Larry Hutchinson, President and CEO, Toyota Canada; Larry Baldesarra, President, Toyota Financial Services; Azeem Ahamed, Manager of Planning and Operations, Destination Auto Group; Aziz Ahamed, President, Destination Auto Group; Adil Ahamed, Managing Director, Destination Auto Group; Derek Corrigan, Mayor of the City of Burnaby

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