

# GABRIELLA'S KITCHEN

## Gabriella's Kitchen Enhances Board of Directors with Appointment of Two New Members

**CALGARY, AB – December 4, 2018** – Gabriella's Kitchen Inc. (CSE: GABY) ("GABY" or the "Company") is pleased to announce it has appointed Mr. Robert Travis and Ms. Maureen Putnam to the Company's Board of Directors effective November 26, 2018, whose respective skills and experience will provide invaluable oversight and counsel as GABY continues to execute its growth strategy. Concurrent with these additions, GABY confirms that Mr. Richard Bonnycastle has resigned from the Board in favour of joining the Company's strategic Advisory Board.

Mr. Robert Travis is a Managing Partner in both Canada and the US with Boyden Executive Search ("Boyden"), specializing in executive leadership placements with a focus on industrial, consumer and technology practice groups. Robert has more than 22 years of industry experience focused across various industries that include manufacturing, fabrication, consumer, energy, energy services, technology and cannabis. He successfully led Boyden's international expansion by becoming the Founding Partner of the Calgary office in 1996, and subsequently, the Founding Partner of the Atlanta office in 2008. Robert's success has garnered him an impressive portfolio of client accounts, including several Fortune 100 and 500 companies.

A citizen of both Canada and the U.S., Robert is attuned to the subtle differences in leadership requirements between the two countries. This, coupled with his extensive experience, makes Robert ideally suited to provide valuable oversight to GABY as the Company develops a comprehensive, cross-border team capable of executing GABY's vision of being a leading, trusted cannabis wellness company. Furthermore, Boyden has already significantly impacted the cannabis industry through recruitment of positions including CEO, CFO, President, Chairman, and Vice President for an array of companies such as Canopy Growth (TSX:WEED), Tilray (NASDAQ:TLRY), Harvest One Cannabis (TSXV:HVV) and The Green Organic Dutchman (TSX:TGOD).

Further to the Company's announcement on November 26, 2018 outlining the appointment of Ms. Maureen Putnam as a special advisor to GABY, the Company is pleased to announce that she has agreed to join GABY's Board of Directors. Maureen brings 25 years of experience building brands, creating and delivering strategic growth plans and developing strong and impactful teams within the consumer product goods space. Her multifaceted expertise spans product categories with a specialized focus on health and wellness, environmental sustainability and the acceleration of emerging brands. Maureen is the former President of The Grocery and Snacks Division of The Hain Celestial Group, Inc. (NASDAQ: HAIN) and also held the position of Chief Innovation Officer. She originally joined Hain as a start-up, significantly contributing to its growth to over \$2.5 billion, and this experience positions her well to help guide GABY to its projected growth targets.

Maureen's knowledge and experience building brands from scratch to category leaders will be an incredible value for GABY as the Company continues to expand. Her hands-on experience working with

key retailers in the US including Kroger, Walmart, Whole Foods, Target, Safeway and Wegmans will assist GABY as the Company continues to grow its presence in the consumer market with a full range of health and wellness products.

As a member of GABY's strategic Advisory Board, Richard will be well positioned to provide deeper, more tactical advice on specific areas within his expertise, which includes building global brands and establishing worldwide product distribution. Numerous aspects of his extensive career will be invaluable for GABY moving forward, including Richard's experience taking Harlequin Publishing global, building Patheon Inc. into a global pharmaceutical company and serving as a Director of the Canada Development Investment Corporation. The shares Richard acquired and voluntarily escrowed upon joining the board will remain escrowed for the original three-year term.

### **STOCK OPTION GRANT**

In concert with the Board appointments, GABY has granted to the newly appointed directors of the Company, an aggregate of 300,000 stock options that are exercisable at a price of \$0.50 per share (the "Options") and expire five years from the date of grant, in accordance with GABY's stock option plan. The Company has granted Mr. Travis 150,000 Options that vest over a three-year period, with 1/3 of the Options vesting immediately, and 1/3 vesting at the end of each of the first and second anniversary of the date of grant. Ms. Putnam was granted two tranches of Options; 150,000 in her capacity as a special advisor and 150,000 in her capacity as a board member. In the case of the former grant, the initial 50,000 Options vested immediately, while the remaining 100,000 Options will vest on the first anniversary of the date of grant and in the case of the latter grant, those Options will vest on the same schedule as the Options granted to Mr. Travis and the other board members.

### **About Gabriella's Kitchen:**

Gabriella's Kitchen (GABY) is a pure-play cannabis edibles and wellness products company which currently holds a manufacturing license and will hold a distribution license issued by the California Bureau of Cannabis Control upon closing of the Sonoma acquisition. With these licenses, its existing infrastructure of major retailers and an extensive broker and distribution network, GABY is positioned to service mainstream grocery with CBD infused products, as well as licensed cannabis retailers with CBD and THC-infused edible and wellness products throughout Canada and the U.S. The Company also has over 25 non-infused products available in more than 3,400 major retail stores across North America.

Margot and her sister, Gabriella, co-founded GABY to bring high quality, delicious and healthy superfoods to the market. The desire to create the all-encompassing wellness company came after Gabriella received a dire cancer diagnosis which spurred the sisters to prolong Gabriella's life through a holistic approach to health. GABY directly and through The Oil Plant ("TOP") now offers a diverse range of products that cater to a variety of dietary and health concerns. Although Gabriella ultimately passed away from her illness, she lived exponentially longer than doctors predicted. Her memory and passion live on through GABY's mission: to empower people to live healthy lives without compromise.

### **Further information:**

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