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## **Weston Forest becomes a Gold Standard winner as one of Canada's Best Managed Companies**

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Steve Rhone, President of Weston Forest, is pleased to announce that the company has once again qualified as one of Canada's Best Managed Companies. Weston Forest won its initial Best Managed award in 2014 and has successfully retained its status, becoming a Gold Standard winner in 2018.

"Being amongst the best in class requires more than financial performance," said Peter Brown, Partner, Deloitte and Co-Leader, Canada's Best Managed Companies program. "Achieving sustained growth and strong overall business performance is the result of the combined efforts and commitment of the entire organization."

Steve Rhone echoed this sentiment, adding, "The whole team at Weston Forest makes it possible for us to win this Gold Standard recognition. The dedication of our people drives us to be Best Managed".

Now in its 25<sup>th</sup> year, Canada's Best Managed Companies is one of the country's leading business awards programs recognizing Canadian-owned and managed companies for innovative, world-class business practices. Every year, hundreds of entrepreneurial companies compete for this designation in a rigorous and independent process that evaluates the calibre of their management abilities and practices.

2018 winners of the Canada's Best Managed Companies award will be honoured at the annual Canada's Best Managed Companies gala in Toronto on April 11, 2018. On the same date, the Best Managed symposium will address leading-edge business issues that are key to the success of today's business leaders.

### **About Canada's Best Managed Companies**

Canada's Best Managed Companies continues to be the mark of excellence for Canadian-owned and managed companies with revenues over \$15 million. Every year since the launch of the program in 1993, hundreds of entrepreneurial companies have competed for this designation in a rigorous and independent process that evaluates their management skills and practices. The awards are granted on four levels: 1) Canada's Best Managed Companies new winner (one of the new winners selected each year); 2) Canada's Best Managed Companies winner (award recipients that have re-applied and successfully retained their Best Managed designation for two additional years, subject to annual operational and financial review); 3) Gold Standard winner (after three consecutive years of maintaining their Best Managed status, these winners have demonstrated their commitment to the program and successfully retained their award for 4-6 consecutive years); 4) Platinum Club member (winners that have maintained their Best Managed status for seven years or more). Program sponsors are Deloitte, CIBC, Canadian Business, Smith School of Business, TMX Group and MacKay CEO Forums. For further information, visit [www.bestmanagedcompanies.ca](http://www.bestmanagedcompanies.ca).

### **About Weston Forest**

Weston Forest is one of North America's leading distributors and remanufacturers of softwood & hardwood lumber and specialty panel products. Weston's various business units serve the industrial crating and packaging sectors, provide specialty products to the construction and infrastructure sectors, and manufacture and distribute a wide variety of products to Lumber and Building Material dealers.

Weston Forest. You'll love doing business with us.

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