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**Caldwell Partners Appoints Elan Pratzner as Managing Partner, Canada**

*Industry veteran brings wealth of business and executive search experience*

**Toronto- February 8, 2012** – Retained executive search firm The Caldwell Partners International Inc. (TSX: CWL) today announced the appointment of Elan Pratzner as Managing Partner, Canada.

“With more than 30 years of business experience and 26 years spent in executive search, Elan has been a trusted advisor to many of Canada’s leading business executives and board members,” said John N. Wallace, chief executive officer. “His reputation is impeccable and far-reaching, and I look forward to the impact that he will bring to the next phase of Caldwell Partners’ growth.”

“Caldwell Partners is an iconic Canadian brand that has been flying under the radar,” said Pratzner. “In the last three years, the team has laid the groundwork for a remarkable transformation – opening six offices in the United States and developing strategic alliances with executive search firms based in London and Hong Kong. I look forward to energizing the Canadian team and to further enhancing the brand in the marketplace.”

Mr. Pratzner’s executive search career began when he was 19 and included managing what became Egon Zhender’s Toronto office, building his own firm (Pratzner & Partners) through organic growth and acquisition to include offices in Toronto, Chicago and New York, and ultimately selling his firm to Korn/Ferry in 2000 wherein he became the Managing Director, Canada responsible for offices in Montreal, Toronto, Calgary and Vancouver. In 2004, after a brief period in private equity with the Rose Corporation, Elan founded and has been the CEO of Executive Risk Group Ltd., a firm that continues to provide risk management solutions for directors, officers and trustees.

Mr. Pratzner earned a Bachelor of Commerce from McGill University and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Toronto.

As Managing Partner, Canada Mr. Pratzner will be responsible for the development of new business and client relationships, the recruitment of Partners, and fostering individual, team and office success.

Based in the firm's Toronto office, Mr. Pratzner joins a team that includes Kelly Blair, Ron Charles, Jeff Freeborough, Chris Laubitz, Avo Oudabachian, Heather Ring and Denise Tobin.

### **About Caldwell Partners**

Caldwell Partners is one of North America's premier providers of executive search and has been for more than 40 years. As one of the region's most trusted advisors in executive search, the firm has a sterling reputation built on successful searches for boards, chief and senior executives, and selected functional experts. With offices and partners across North America, and a strategic presence in London and Hong Kong, the firm takes pride in delivering an unmatched level of service and expertise to its clients.

The Caldwell Partners' Common shares are listed on The Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX: CWL). Please visit our website at [www.caldwellpartners.com](http://www.caldwellpartners.com) for further information.

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