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## **EDO JAPAN PRESIDENT AND CEO RECOGNIZED AS AN ERNST & YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR®**

*Tom Donaldson named winner of 2011 award recognizing excellence in entrepreneurship in hospitality and tourism, Prairies Region*

**Calgary, Alberta (October 19, 2011)** – Edo Japan is proud to announce that Tom Donaldson, President and CEO, has been chosen as an Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2011 award winner for the Prairies Region. Mr. Donaldson was selected as the overall winner in the hospitality and tourism division at last night's awards gala.

“This award would not have been possible without the tremendous efforts of all our franchisees and their staff in our 101 restaurants across Canada,” said Donaldson. “We are honoured to be recognized by such a prestigious organization such as Ernst & Young, and Edo Japan will continue to work diligently to provide the great food and service that our customers have come to love and expect.”

Since Donaldson joined Edo Japan in 1999 as President and CEO, he has transformed the Edo Japan restaurant concept into a fast-casual dining option that offers its customers fresh and healthy meal alternatives. With over 100 freestanding and major shopping mall restaurants across Canada, the Alberta-based company known for its fresh and healthy Teppan-style cooking and signature Teriyaki sauce, has captivated the Canadian market and become a consumer favourite in the fast food industry. Donaldson's hands-on approach and close relationships with his franchisees has positioned him as an inspirational and dedicated leader.

The Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year Award honours outstanding Canadian entrepreneurs whose business vision has made a significant impact on the Canadian economy. Presented in more than 50 countries, and now in its 18<sup>th</sup> year in Canada, the Entrepreneur Of The Year program is one of the world's most coveted business awards for entrepreneurs.

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### **About Edo Japan**

Established in 1979 in Calgary, Alberta, Edo Japan was designed to bring the freshness of hot Japanese Teppan-style cooking to suburban shopping centres and food courts across Canada. Offering the highest quality, freshly prepared food in the quick service restaurant industry, Edo Japan has quickly become a popular alternative with over 100 locations across Canada, and serving more than seven million meals annually. For more information please visit [www.edojapan.com](http://www.edojapan.com).

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