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## Home Hardware Dealers Receive Outstanding Retailer Awards

**St. Jacobs, ON, Oct 19, 2016** – Home Hardware Dealers from Ontario and British Columbia were honoured this week at the Hardlines 2016 Outstanding Retailer Awards, taking three of the seven categories including: Best Hardware Store, Best Building Supply/Home Centre under 15,000 square feet and the Marc Robichaud Community Leader Award.

Launched in 1992, the Outstanding Retailer Awards (ORAs) is the industry's only independent awards program dedicated to honouring the achievements of hardware, home improvement and building supply dealers in Canada. To date, Home Hardware has received 26 ORAs.

Recipients of this year's awards were chosen by a panel of experts who analyzed nominations from retailers across Canada in seven categories: Best Hardware Store; Best Building Supply/Home Centre (under 15,000 sq. ft.); Best Building Supply/Home Centre (over 15,000 sq. ft.); Best Contractor-Specialist Dealer; Young Retailer of the Year; Best Large Surface Retailer and the Marc Robichaud Community Leader Award. Each nomination was judged on a range of criteria, including sales performance, retailing innovation and community involvement.

### QUOTE:

"Home Hardware is committed to providing our independent Dealer-Owners with the support, programs and services to help them grow profitable, successful businesses and the Outstanding Retailer Awards serve as a testament to the hard work of these entrepreneurs as well as the strength of our program. On behalf of the Dealer-Owners of close to 1,100 Home Hardware stores in communities across Canada, I would like to congratulate this year's recipients on their success."

**-Terry Davis, CEO, Home Hardware Stores Limited.**

The following Dealer-Owners were recognized at the 2016 Outstanding Retailer Awards

- **Best Hardware Store** – Brantford Home Hardware, Brantford, ON, Dealer-Owners Dave Liesemer and Ron Cicuttini
- **Best Building Supply/Home Centre under 15,000 sq.ft.** – Home Building Centre – Salmon Arm, Salmon Arm, BC, Dealer-Owner John Kehler
- **Marc Robichaud Community Leader Award-** Orillia Home Hardware Building Centre, Orillia, ON, Dealer-Owners John Locke and Bill Ecklund

The ORAs gala took place on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at the Sheraton on the Falls in Niagara Falls, ON. The award ceremony was held in conjunction with the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Hardlines Conference, a two-day symposium for business leaders in home improvement retailing in North America.

**About Home Hardware Stores Limited**

Home Hardware Stores Limited is Canada's largest independent home improvement retailer with close to 1,100 stores under the Home Hardware, Home Building Centre, Home Hardware Building Centre and Home Furniture banners with annual retail sales of over \$5.8 billion. The privately owned wholesale company was founded in 1964 in rural St. Jacobs, Ontario and remains 100% Canadian owned and operated. Through the Home Hardware network, Dealer-Owners have access to 100,000 quality, brand name and private label products, a state-of-the-art distribution system and extensive marketing and training programs. Offering a mix of tradition and innovation, Home Hardware Stores Limited has received designation as one of Canada's Best Corporate Cultures and Best Managed Companies and is committed to providing local communities with superior service and expert advice. More information about the company is available at [homehardware.ca](http://homehardware.ca).

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