



## Two Trusted Family Travel Companies Unite as One

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Barry (Sam) and Rob Blowes of Blowes Travel and Cruise Centres Inc., Stratford ON., a family travel business for over 70 years and Scott Stewart and Dana Empey of G. Stewart Travel Services Ltd., Peterborough ON., a family travel business for over 45 years are pleased to announce their two family businesses will be merging September 1, 2019.

By collectively uniting their businesses, their resources, synergies and similar business culture and ethics, the new corporation will see eleven (11) brick and mortar retail offices, thirty four (34) home offices, a group tour division, conference and events division and a wholesale division. This adds up to over ninety (90) team members in Ontario under the Carlson Wagonlit Travel brand, who will continue to enhance and meet the needs and expectations of their clients.

“You can continue to expect the high standards of customer service, focus, and dedication you have come to expect from us,” says Sam Blowes, of Blowes Travel and Cruise Centres Inc. Also saying, “Our incredible team across our Ontario network is here to continue to make dreams happen.”

Within the upcoming weeks as both companies begin the multi-phase integration, to unite and form the new brand of the Blowes & Stewart Travel Group Ltd., they will continue to recognize the many benefits this merger will provide. Dana Empey, General Manager of G. Stewart Travel Services Ltd. states, “Our travel advisors or ‘dream makers’ are our greatest asset and by combining them, it gives us a strong, efficient team ready for our long term strategy.”

Their unparalleled service and commitment, to all the communities in which they operate, will not waver. Valued clients who have trusted both companies for decades will see enhanced offerings, more efficiencies and streamlined systems.

The transition will be seamless to their customers and preferred supplier partners. Watch for future news and announcements from this united partnership.

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