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## Hexavest COVID-19 Preparedness

**Montreal, March 12, 2020** – Hexavest is communicating today on its preparedness for the risks that COVID-19 represents for its activities and employees.

Hexavest has been monitoring the evolution of the COVID-19 situation since the virus outbreak and has created a working group that takes preventive measures to ensure the sustainability of its operations and to protect the health of its employees. The firm has a business continuity plan that covers situations of potential business interruption. The plan includes many recovery and continuity solutions such as work from home, split operations and alternate sites. These solutions have been tested annually.

Over the last weeks, Hexavest took certain measures in order to limit the potential impacts of COVID-19 on its operations:

- Nonessential travel has been temporarily banned and travel to at-risk geographies has been prohibited.
- Visits from international travellers to the office have been limited.
- Sanitation supplies (disinfecting wipes, hand sanitizer, etc.) have been provided to all employees.
- Employees have been asked to inform Hexavest if they, or any family members, have travelled to at-risk destinations or if they may have been in contact with someone suffering from COVID-19 symptoms.
- The firm offers meetings via videoconference and telephone to its clients.

Hexavest continues to monitor developments of the situation and will adjust its strategy by referring to the Canadian health authorities' recommendations.

### About Hexavest

Hexavest is a boutique investment firm founded in Montreal in 2004. Offering a different view of the markets with a contrarian, top-down approach and active currency management, the firm specializes in global equity management for an institutional clientele. The investment team has applied a consistent investment process based on fundamental analysis since 1991. As of December 31, 2019, Hexavest had CA\$18 billion of assets under management for investors in Canada, the United States, Europe and Asia-Pacific. For more information, visit [hexavest.com](http://hexavest.com).

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