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THE MARK NEWS WELCOMES A BATCH OF NEW AND NOTABLE
CANADIAN CONTRIBUTORS

Christopher Alexander, Richard Alvarez, Deborah Coyne, Robert R. Amsterdam, and
Jeremy J. Parsons **join roster of The Mark Canada's top online analytical news
source team.**

Toronto, ON-- [The Mark News](#), Canada's daily online forum for news, commentary and debate, is pleased to welcome a new group of talented Canadians as contributors.

"We're delighted to welcome these new contributors to our team," says Jeff Anders, CEO of The Mark News. "Each one will bring new and interesting views to the table, expanding our already diverse group of notable contributors."

The Mark recruits [contributors](#) using two criteria: professional credibility and a connection to Canada. The Mark does not select contributors based on how they vote, where they live, or what language they prefer, and certainly doesn't dictate what they write. The result is a community of thinkers and doers that reflects all points of view on politics, business, science and technology, and the arts. Though The Mark encourages contributors to express their bias, The Mark is not anchored to any one ideology itself, following the motto "You think, [we](#) curate."

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[RICHARD ALVAREZ](#) is a leader in Canadian health care. He is known for taking on challenging mandates and building successful organizations. As President and Chief Executive Officer of [Canada Health Infoway](#), he has been a catalyst for accelerating the development of electronic health records in Canada. He has established strong, collaborative relationships with the federal, provincial and territorial governments and other stakeholders as the foundation for solid progress. He has articulated a broad national vision for reforming Canada's health care system through innovation and technology. On the international front, he has helped to position Canada as a world leader in health care renewal.



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[JEREMY J. PARSONS](#) founded [Cocktails the Fluid Experience](#), a Toronto-based beverage marketing and event management company that specializes in the alcohol industry. He has created not only new cocktail and food recipes for many of the top brands in Canada, but has also helped to develop the liquid for some amazing brands that go into his creations. He is regarded as Canada's top Mixologist and one of the best in North America. His work has taken him internationally to speak at numerous conventions and trade shows, consult, launch and execute parties at some of the top restaurants, bars and galas where he and his staff bring out the latest and greatest liquid creations for your sampling pleasure.

ABOUT THE MARK

The Mark is Canada's daily online forum for news commentary and debate. It is founded on the idea that thousands of credible Canadians, here and abroad, have important things to say but cannot reach a national audience. For these Canadians, The Mark is their platform. *The Mark* is unique in that its content is written by a hand-picked community of experts and not by journalists or professional writers. It publishes high-quality original written, audio and video content for distribution through the web, print, radio, television and live events.

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