



PINK ELEPHANT ANNOUNCES JEREMY GUTSCHE AS PINK18 OPENING KEYNOTE

Best-Selling Author & Award-Winning Innovation Expert Will Be Joined By Eric Boles & David Horsager

Burlington, ON – October 26, 2017 – Today, Pink Elephant announced that Jeremy Gutsche, *New York Times* bestselling author, award-winning innovation expert, and the CEO of Trend Hunter, will be the opening keynote speaker at their 22nd Annual International IT Service Management Conference & Exhibition – "<u>Pink18</u>" – to be hosted at the JW Marriott Orlando, Grande Lakes.

"We're thrilled to have Jeremy Gutsche help open Pink18 – our biggest event of the year," said Fatima Cabral, CEO, Pink Elephant. "With Jeremy's insights and successes in spotting trends in today's fast-changing world, attendees are sure to leave his dynamic keynote energized and ready to accelerate innovation in their organizations."

Pink18's theme is Adopt, Adapt & Apply. The event will provide strategic, tactical and operational views of many frameworks and proven business practices that enable success. The event will also include:

- 12 tracks with sessions that cover an array of the latest topics and case studies including: ITSM, ITIL[®], Lean IT, Agile, DevOps, Organizational Change Management and Business Relationship Management
- <u>IT Excellence Award Presentations</u>: Project Of The Year, Practitioner Of The Year, Innovation Of The Year, IT Leader Of The Year and Case Study Of The Year
- 17 pre- and post- Conference courses in ITSM, ITIL, Lean IT, Agile, DevOps, Organizational Change Management and Business Relationship Management

Gutsche is the founder of TrendHunter.com, the world's most popular trend website, attracting over two billion views from 150,000,000 total visitors. He has been described as "a new breed of trend spotter" by *The Guardian*, an "intellectual can of Red Bull" by *Association Week*, and "on the forefront of cool" by MTV. Today, over 500 brands, billionaires and CEOs rely on his unique expertise to *find better ideas faster*. He is routinely sourced by the media, from *The Economist* to CNN and Entertainment Tonight to *The New York Times*.

Pink18 attendees will have the chance to meet Gutsche, as well as keynote speakers <u>Eric Boles</u> and <u>David Horsager</u>, at book signings after their respective sessions.

Pink18's <u>Last Early Bird</u> offers – with savings of more than US\$1,500 – end November 3, 2017. For more information, to register for Pink18 or to submit nominations for the IT Excellence Awards visit <u>www.pinkelephant.com/pink18</u>.

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