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**AGT Food and Ingredients Inc. CEO Murad Al-Katib to
Chair Government of Canada's National Agri-Food Economic Strategy Table**

REGINA, AUG 16, 2017 – AGT Food and Ingredients Inc. (TSX:AGT) ("AGT" or the "Company") has announced that President and CEO Murad Al-Katib has been appointed by The Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development and The Honourable Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Agriculture to Chair the National Agri-Food Strategy Roundtable.

The Economic Strategy Tables are part of the Government's Innovation and Skills Plan to create jobs by investing in high-growth sectors where Canada has a globally competitive advantage.

Each table will be chaired by a business leader who will preside over a group of approximately 15 members who will guide federal efforts to create the conditions for long-term growth that lead to new business opportunities and jobs for Canadians.

The Economic Strategy Tables will set ambitious growth targets for Canadian agriculture and food, identifying sector-specific challenges and creating a roadmap to support Canada's global success and competitive position in capturing the opportunity to feed the world.

"Canada's historical position as a leader in agriculture and food is well documented. The Strategy Roundtable is all about the future of our sector and our ability to truly establish Canada as the driver in the world in providing safe, reliable and environmentally sustainable agricultural products, food and ingredients to the world. Society faces the challenge to feed almost ten billion people by 2050, with income growth in Asia and other emerging markets creating a real opportunity for Canada. The global race to protein is on and we will work to ensure that Canada is the first stop on the global protein highway. The integration of our world class research, farmers, processors and exporters into an efficient and reliable supply chain is certain to assist Canada in realizing the economic benefits of the billions of dollars of growth that are available to it by seizing the global food opportunity. I am excited and honored to participate and lead this initiative hand-in-hand with Minister Bains and Minister MacAuley on behalf of Prime Minister Trudeau," said Mr. Murad Al-Katib, President and CEO of AGT.

Quick Facts

- Each table will present a report of its findings and recommendations by summer 2018.
- These tables will support the government's goal of doubling the number of high-growth Canadian companies to 28,000 from 14,000 by 2025.



Associated Links

- Economic Strategy - [Innovation and Skills Plan](https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/062.nsf/eng/home)
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AGT Food and Ingredients Inc. Profile

AGT Food and Ingredients Inc. (AGT) is a processor of value-added pulses, staple foods and ingredients for export and domestic markets as well as a supplier of retail packaged and canned foods to retail and food service sectors. Through its offices and processing facilities located in some of the best agricultural growing regions in Canada, the U.S., Turkey, China, Australia and South Africa, merchandising and sales offices in the U.K., the Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland and India and origination offices in Russia, AGT produces a full range of pulses and specialty crops including lentils, peas, chickpeas, beans and canary seed as well as food ingredients such as pulse flours, proteins, starches and fibres. Through its subsidiaries in Turkey, the Arbel Group, AGT also produces staple foods such as Arbella Pasta, rice, and milled wheat products, including bulgur and semolina.

Cautionary Statements

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