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The ever-busy Jan Eden, second from right, has launched The Eden Group with Lousie Watt, left, David Caul, second left, and Gordon Travis.

Eden takes team spirit to next level



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Jan Eden has built a solid reputation as a corporate growth specialist since she formed **Sales Experts in Training** in 1983. Her business development workshops evolved into **CEO in Training** and she can boast of coaching hundreds of CEOs, business owners and senior executives locally, nationally and internationally.

Along the way, Eden also formed **Reality MBA** and became a published writer, professional speaker, meeting facilitator and sales and marketing strategist.

She loves the world of business and encouraging others to succeed. Realizing that regardless of what companies were planning or envisioning only months ago has become obsolete and unresponsive due to the ripple effect of the financial unpredictability, she has founded another initiative.

The Eden Group is made up of a number of other successful entrepreneurs and business leaders who have banded together to offer her clients and prospective clients "Group" expertise. The "been there, done that" team have all succeeded and failed at some time so are well aware of the questions, hesitations, confusions and self-doubt that business owners and

pals in Eden Group are **Gordon Travis**, a financial and control adviser who has acted in many capacities as controller, CFO, operational and systems audit, coach and public director; **Lousie Watt**, a consultant who has held senior executive positions in major private sector corporations worked with **KPMG** and **Ernst & Young** management consultants prior to starting her own practice in 1996; and **David Caul**, a career contract CFO and graduate CMA with over 25 years business consulting and financial management experience

Besides all of her business interests, Eden has been volunteering a lot of her time with the local chapter of the Association for Corporate Growth, a global organization for professionals involved in corporate growth and development, and mergers and acquisitions with 12,000 members worldwide. In June she takes over the reins from **Clark Grue** as its local president.

Remington Development has an 88,000-square-foot, three-storey office building under construction in its Quarry Park development, where it will move its own office onto the top floor space.

Only around 11,000 square feet remains to be leased on the main floor where **TD Commercial Lending** occupies 8,500 square feet and **Avanti Software** will move into 11,000 square feet.

The entire second floor of approximately 25,000 square feet is being taken by the **Catalyst Group** that will consolidate its 65 staff in its downtown Trimac House office and its High River office into the new location. Both offices are of equal size and although it has firm roots in southern Alberta communities, Quarry Park is only half an hour or so from High River, bringing "both ends towards the middle."

Catalyst is a multi-disciplined firm that focuses on catering to mid-market private business.

Managing partner **Cam Crawford** says it boasts the usual accounting and assurance, but also offers wealth planning, corporate advisory and a dedicated taxation group.

The new building will be ready for occupancy this September and its green roof patio will be made available for all of its tenants.

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