**Raed Kadri: Pioneering Ontario's Automotive, Mobility and Industrial Technology Future**

Raed Kadri is the driving force behind the Ontario Vehicle Innovation Network (OVIN) and the Vice-President of Strategic Initiatives and Business Development at the Ontario Centre of Innovation (OCI). With a vision for propelling Ontario to the forefront of the automotive and mobility sector, Raed is a dynamic leader, spearheading strategic initiatives that shape the future of transportation.

Under Raed’s leadership, OVIN stands as a testament to the Government of Ontario's commitment to securing the province as a global leader in the automotive and mobility industries. It represents a forward-looking initiative designed to navigate the ever-evolving landscape of transportation, fostering innovation and collaboration to maintain Ontario's competitive edge.

As the head of OVIN, Raed Kadri orchestrates Ontario's prominence on the global stage. His tenure is marked by a relentless pursuit of excellence, championing programs that support entrepreneurs, capitalize startups, grow and scale Made-in Ontario companies, commercialize new technologies while fostering the growth of Ontario’s automotive and mobility ecosystem research and development (R&D) funding, talent cultivation, technology acceleration, and offering vital business and technical support through cutting-edge testing and demonstration sites.

Raed's influence extends far beyond OVIN's operational boundaries. He spearheads province-wide coordination of resources, driving results in public education, research, analysis, and thought leadership. Raed's dedication to bringing diverse stakeholder groups together serves as a catalyst for innovation and collaboration, propelling Ontario into a leadership position in the ever-evolving automotive and mobility sector. Raed also oversees multi-sector focussed cross-provincial business development team with a presence in all regions of the province, guiding the commercialization of IP into Ontario-made technology and supporting early-stage Ontario companies across the province.

Raed's visionary leadership has also been crucial in establishing the Critical Industrial Technology (CIT) program for the province, reinforcing Ontario's role as a hub for innovation and technology excellence. With Raed at the helm, OVIN and CIT continue to be at the forefront of driving innovation and ensuring Ontario's enduring leadership in the dynamic and ever-changing landscape of industry and the economy. His passion, dedication, and commitment to pushing boundaries underscore his role as a trailblazer, forging the path to a brighter, more sustainable future in transportation.