

# Frontier Duty Free Association announces return of Annual Convention in 2023



The theme for this year's convention is Canadian Duty Free - Building Tomorrow

The [Frontier Duty Free Association](#) (FDFA) has announced the return of its annual in-person convention held in Toronto, Ontario. The theme for this year's event is Canadian Duty Free - Building Tomorrow and will take place from November 27 to 30, 2023.

"Our goal after coming out of the border closure and the pandemic is to see past recovery and focus on thriving and building our industry," said FDFA Executive Director, Barbara Barrett. "Our first convention back seeks to position Canada as a global leader in the Duty Free Sector and position duty free as integral part of the growing tourism sector in Canada."

The FDFA convention, the only duty free convention in Canada, is a forum where partners come together to grow their businesses, share ideas and visions to create a network of innovative solutions, and support the industry while building relationships and brands.

Up to 100 buyers are expected to attend, representing duty free border and airport stores from across Canada, with three days dedicated to individual business meetings and social networking events during the evenings. The convention will open with a cocktail event on November 27, and the Imperial Gala & Awards show will take place on November 29.

"We are returning to the Omni King Edward Hotel this year as its private spaces are conducive to our meeting and networking needs. We will continue to offer buyer group presentations, and are looking at having an exhibitor area for a number of suppliers as well," added Barrett.

The Gold Standards Awards program will resume this year with finalists announced first week of November and winners recognized at the Imperial Gala & Awards show.

Registration is expected to open for members mid-June. Early bird registration ends September 27.