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Canadian buildings honoured at BOMA International Awards- Denver USA.

OTTAWA, July 3, 2008 — The Building Owners and Managers Association of Canada is proud to announce the Canadian winners of the prestigious 2008 international awards which recognize excellence in the commercial real estate industry. With ten entries in the competition, Canada fared extremely well, garnering four of the Office Building of the Year (TOBY) awards. The awards were presented during the 2008 BOMA International Conference, held in late June in Denver, Colorado.

The Office Building of the Year (TOBY) Awards salute the stars of the commercial real estate industry, honouring the buildings – and the men and women who own and manage them – that exemplify excellence in building management, operational efficiency, tenant retention, emergency planning and community impact. This awards program recognizes excellence first at the local level, then regionally and nationally, finally culminating in the international awards that are bestowed at the annual TOBY and Earth Awards Banquet.

The Canadian winners of the international TOBY Awards were as follows:

The Office Building of the Year Award (100,000 – 249,999 square feet category) went to **PriceWaterhouseCoopers Place** in Vancouver, British Columbia. Built in 2002 and owned by Ontrea Inc., it is managed by Ms. Lesley Heieis of Cadillac Fairview Management Services Inc. PricewaterhouseCoopers Place, is an exciting 20-floor, AAA class prime office building that boasts spectacular views of the North Shore Mountains and Burrard Inlet. The building has incorporated the highest standard of finishes and offers state-of-the-art equipment and technology.

Winner of the Office Building of the Year Award (500,000 – 1 million square feet category) went to **Centre CDP Capital** in Montréal, Québec. Owned by the Société Immobilière Camont Inc. and built in 2002, the property is managed by Mr. Dany Gauthier of SITQ Inc. Located in the prestigious Quartier international de Montreal, the Centre CDP Capital – home of the Cassie de depot et placement du Quebec – is a unique Montreal landmark. Its distinctive style, comfort and state-of-the-art infrastructure have garnered the complex an exceptional reputation. An integral part of the revitalized urban landscape of downtown Montreal, the Centre CDP Capital straddles the Ville-Marie Expressway, reconnecting the previously fragmented business hub and the historic Old Montreal.

In the Renovated Building Category, the TOBY was awarded to **Complexe Desjardins**, also in Montréal, Québec. Originally built in 1976, it is owned by Desjardins Financial Security and managed by Mr. Éric Boivin of Desjardins Gestion Immobiliere Inc. With a total of nearly 4 million square feet, Complexe Desjardins is the largest building in the city. Today, this multi-functional Class A complex is often called a “city within the city”, with its daily patronage of 37,000 people. Three octagonal office towers, totaling 99 stories, accommodate eight corner offices per floor. The facility boasts a beautiful, unobstructed view of Montreal.

The TOBY for best Government Building went to **Garden City Tower** in St. Catharines, Ontario. Owned by the Ontario Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal and represented by the Ontario Realty Corporation, built in 1995, the property is managed by Mr. Ron Augustin, Director of Facilities, Southwest Region with SNC-Lavalin ProFac Inc. Garden City Tower is an architecturally appealing building and has been a focal point in St. Catharines since its construction. Towering over the city, its brick veneer and punched curved windows can be seen for miles. The building’s 482,984 square feet consists of 12 floors, including a mezzanine level and mechanical penthouse. A very unique feature of this building is the inclusion of the municipal bus terminal, providing services for 15,000 users per day and offering excellent accessibility for tenants.

The Chair of BOMA Canada, Ian M. Stewart, offered his congratulations to the nominees and recipients, each of whom has already been an award winner at the local level in Canada. “We are very excited for our Canadian members to see

the results of their hard work paying off on the international stage, proving that Canadian companies have a place among the best of the best,” he said. “These international awards recognize the finest aspects of what’s happening in the commercial real estate industry across North America and in Europe as well. It’s very gratifying to have several Canadian properties named among the year’s most impressive buildings.”

The Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) of Canada is the voice of the Canadian commercial real estate industry with over 2,500 members in regional associations across Canada. On behalf of the building owners, managers, developers, facilities managers, asset managers, leasing agents, brokers, and the product and service providers to over 1.9 billion square feet of commercial real estate in Canada, BOMA Canada addresses issues of national concern, and promotes excellence in the industry through information, education advocacy and recognition.

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