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**GROUPE GERMAIN  
NAMED ONE OF CANADA'S  
50 BEST MANAGED COMPANIES**

**HOTELIER COMBINES UNCOMPROMISING BUSINESS ACUMEN  
WITH A FLAIR FOR HOSPITALITY**

**TORONTO, ON (FEBRUARY 7, 2006)** – Groupe Germain Inc, proprietor and operator of five boutique-style hotel properties in Canada, is pleased to announce it has been named a 2005 winner of Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies award. The company has been an active part of Best Managed since 2002.

"We're honoured to be included in Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies," says Christiane Germain, co-president and CEO of Groupe Germain. "It is our personal mission to design, build and manage leading-edge boutique hotels while providing unparalleled personalized customer service. This award is a great testament to what we strive towards each day."

Established in 1993, Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies (Best Managed) is the country's leading business awards program, recognizing excellence in Canadian-owned and managed companies with revenues over \$10 million. Every year, hundreds of entrepreneurial companies compete for this designation in a rigorous and independent process that evaluates the calibre of their management abilities and practices.

“For the past 13 years, Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies program has recognized the most innovative and best managed companies in Canada. We are delighted to celebrate the accomplishments of Groupe Germain,” said John Hughes, Partner, Private Company Services group with Deloitte, a national sponsor of the Best Managed program.

Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies program is sponsored by Deloitte, CIBC Commercial Banking, National Post, and Queen's School of Business. For further information, visit [www.canadas50best.com](http://www.canadas50best.com).

Groupe Germain, a family-run company based in Québec City, develops, owns and operates four distinguished hotel properties in Québec City, Montréal, Toronto and a Relais & Chateaux property in North Hatley (in Quebec's Eastern Townships). The company is well known for the impeccable hospitality and style it brings to its boutique-style hotels. For more information, visit [www.hotelboutique.com](http://www.hotelboutique.com).

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