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HÔTEL LE GERMAIN TO OPEN AT MAPLE LEAF SQUARE

Toronto (December 18, 2006) – Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment (MLSE), The Cadillac Fairview Corp. Ltd. and Lanterra Developments announced today that Groupe Germain will open one of its signature boutique-hotels at Maple Leaf Square.

Known as Hôtel Le Germain Maple Leaf Square, it will be the company's second boutique-hotel in Toronto. Groupe Germain also has properties in Montréal, Québec and Old-Québec.

Located adjacent to Air Canada Centre, one of the busiest entertainment venues in the world, Maple Leaf Square is a \$450 million privately-funded sports and entertainment development. It supports Toronto's city building initiative, revitalization of the railroad lands, and complements the waterfront development. Maple Leaf Square received the "2006 Community of the Year Award" from the Greater Toronto Home Builders Association.

A mere seven minute walk to the heart of Toronto's financial district, Hôtel Le Germain Maple Leaf Square will be situated close to many city tourist attractions and will have direct underground access to public transportation.

"Maple Leaf Square is excited to partner with Groupe Germain, Canada's leading brand of luxury boutique-hotels," said Richard Peddie, president and chief executive officer for Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment. "Our organizations share a common vision of making Hôtel Le Germain a focal point for Maple Leaf Square.

"Hôtel Le Germain Maple Leaf Square will support serving the needs of a growing waterfront district, creating another stage to attract more visitors to Toronto and injecting growth in economic development," Peddie added.

"We are honoured to be working on this important development project with Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment, an organization that is a treasured piece of Canadian heritage," said Christiane Germain, co-president Groupe Germain. "The new property at Maple Leaf Square represents an important step in Groupe Germain's growth in the hospitality industry."



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Offering an inviting atmosphere and exceptional service all contributing to a unique experience for guests, the eight storey boutique-hotel will have 171 guest rooms, 5,000 square feet of meeting space, 8,000 square feet of fitness facilities and a 2,000 square foot hotel café. The interior will mirror the inspiring design that has become Groupe Germain's trademark. Guests will also notice subtle features reflective of great sports and entertainment moments of the past from Maple Leaf Gardens and Air Canada Centre.

With care and attention to detail, rooms will be attractively designed to meet the needs of the discerning business or leisure traveler, as well as the discriminating sports fan with features that include state-of-the-art stereos, flat screen televisions, luxurious toiletry products, Egyptian cotton linens, pivoting worktables and ergonomic chairs.

Guests staying at the Hôtel Le Germain Maple Leaf Square can take advantage of the development's additional amenities including two destination restaurants operated by Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment - a five star fine dining facility and a world class hi-tech sports restaurant and bar. Guests will also have access to the many world-class events such as Toronto Maple Leafs and Toronto Raptors games and popular concerts hosted at Air Canada Centre.

Groupe Germain is a family-run company based in Québec City that develops, owns and operates distinguished hotel properties: Hôtel Le Germain Toronto, Hôtel Le Germain Montréal, Hôtel Dominion 1912, Hôtel Germain des Prés. 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.

Maple Leaf Square is presently under construction and scheduled for completion in 2009.

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