



BOMA CANADA RELEASE 2008

Ian M. Stewart Elected as Chairman of BOMA Canada

Ottawa, ON – **Ian M. Stewart**, Vice President, Property Management, Eastern Canada, GWL Realty Advisors Inc. of Toronto, Ontario has been named the 2008 Chairperson of the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) of Canada, representing the Canadian commercial real estate industry.

“I look forward to continuing the fine work done by my predecessors at BOMA Canada. I see our organization as having three priorities for this year, including re-branding and strengthening of the successful BOMA Go Green program, ensuring the future financial sustainability of BOMA Canada, and delivering a successful national conference in BOMEX 2008, which will involve developing new multi-level relationships which will establish a pattern for the event’s viability for years to come,” said Mr. Stewart in his inaugural address. “I believe our ability to execute on these three priorities and capitalize on the creative initiatives undertaken by our local associations across the country will cement BOMA Canada’s position as the nationally, and even internationally, respected voice of the commercial real estate industry.”

Born in Glasgow, Scotland, Mr. Stewart holds a Certificate in Business Administration from Centennial College. Currently serving as Vice President, Property Management, Eastern Canada, GWL Realty Advisors Inc., Mr. Stewart is responsible for directing the property operations of more than 25 million square feet of commercial office, industrial and retail properties in Eastern Canada including the Class AAA, Commerce Court property in downtown Toronto.

Mr. Stewart’s career in the real estate industry spans more than twenty-five years, starting with Oxford Development Group and encompassing progressively more responsible positions with Sun Life Realty, MD Realty Inc., Marathon Realty, O&Y REIT, and CB Richard Ellis until joining GWL Realty Advisors in the fall of 2006. During his career, he has overseen the leasing and administrative operation of portfolios ranging in size from 50 thousand square feet to 40 million square feet, including landmark towers in major cities across Canada. Currently the Chair of BOMA Canada, he has served on the BOMA Board since 2004 as Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Vice-Chair, and was a key player in facilitating BOMA Canada’s new agreement with BOMA International in 2006. A Past President of BOMA Toronto, Mr. Stewart has been actively involved in numerous committees and task forces, including Telecommunications, Revenue Generation, Environment & Energy, Emergency Preparedness and Pandemic Planning.

Rounding out BOMA Canada’s 2008 Executive are:

Vice President - **Michael Miceli, FRI**
King City, Ontario

Secretary/Treasurer - **Cheryl Gray, CPM**
Senior Vice President - National Real Estate Services, Bentall Capital, Toronto, Ontario

Past President - **Ken Loepky, CPM**
Vice President, Research Park Operations, Regina Research Park, Regina, Saskatchewan;

Interim President - **Diana Osler-Zortea**
BOMA Canada, Ottawa, Ontario.

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.

For more information, visit the BOMA Canada website at www.bomacanada.ca.

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