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Canadian buildings honoured at BOMA International Awards- Philadelphia PA. USA.

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TORONTO, June 30, 2009 — The Building Owners and Managers Association of Canada is proud to announce the Canadian winners of the prestigious 2009 International awards which recognize excellence in the commercial real estate industry. With seven entries in the competition, Canada fared extremely well, garnering two of the Office Building of the Year (TOBY) Awards. The awards were presented during the 2009 BOMA International Conference, held June 30th in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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 Awards Banquet.

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

The Historical Office Building of the Year Award went to **Toronto College Park** in Toronto, Ontario. Built in 1928 and owned by Toronto College Park Ltd. (part of Great-West Life group of companies), and managed by GWL Realty Advisors. Toronto College Park was the height of elegance when it opened in 1930. The Tyndall limestone exterior façade with stone carvings and the extensive interior brass and marble décor remains a premier example of early 20th century classic commercial design. The complex consists of approximately 120,000 sq.ft. retail space, 330,000 sq.ft. office space and 140,000 sq.ft. of residential space. Toronto College Park is a multi-use complex located in the heart of downtown Toronto, a Canadian architectural landmark that incorporates modern amenities with its Art Deco heritage.

Winner of The Office Building of the Year (TOBY) Award, Suburban Office Park, Mid-Rise, went to **Pearson Corporate Centre** in Etobicoke, Ontario. The building was built in 1985, is owned by Westpen Properties Ltd., and managed by Bentall LP. Pearson Corporate Centre is located near Pearson International Airport in Etobicoke, Ontario, offering easy access to major highways and highly attractive for accessibility. Pearson Corporate Centre is home to a number of large prominent tenants. Housing over 1,300 occupants and receives more than 300 visitors a day.

The Chair of BOMA Canada, Mr. 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 remaining BOMA International Toby winners are:

Corporate Facility – Citi Campus, Jacksonville Fla.

Earth Award – Heifer International, Little Rock, Ark.

Government Building – Sandra Day O’Connor, Phoenix, Ark.

Industrial Office Park – Crosstown North Business Centre, Brooklyn Park, Minn.

Medical Office Building – Arnold Pavilion, Seattle, Wash.

Renovated Building - 100 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y.

Suburban Office Park, Low-Rise – Carlson Center, Minnetonka, Minn.

TOBY - Under 100,000 Sq.Ft. – West 101 Gateway, phoenix, Ariz.

TOBY - 100,000-249,999 Sq.Ft. – Whole Foods Market, World Headquarters Building, Austin, Texas

TOBY – 250,000-499,999 Sq.Ft. – 601 Tower, Minnetonka, Minn.

TOBY – 500,000- 1 million Sq.Ft. – MGM Tower, Los Angeles, Calif.

TOBY – Over 1 Million Sq.Ft. – Fifth Street Towers, Minneapolis, Minn.

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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