



THE MEN BEHIND THE VISION OF "Q" SEAN O'DONNELL & STEPHEN COUREY, CO-FOUNDERS

MONT TREMBLANT, Quebec, Canada – Meet Sean O'Donnell, the man whose scintillating vision of hospitality created Hotel Quintessence, the top luxury lodge in Mont Tremblant. And let us introduce Stephen Courey, whose world travel experience and business savvy helped create "Q".

This vibrant Laurentian Mountain area is a four-season resort 90 minutes north of Montreal. It's Eastern Canada's premier playground for winter sports as well as auto racing, golf, boating, hiking, cycling -- the perfect setting for a superb hotel serving sophisticated sportsmen and *bon vivants*.

Long-time friends and now partners, O'Donnell and Courey realized the potential for a fine country lodge and envisioned a harmony of styles: Quintessence combines the personal service and graciousness of a European manor house with the intimate scope, casual elegance and warm ambiance of a five-star country lodge, and the modern technology and facilities of a world-class hotel.

THE HOTEL'S NAME: "Quintessence" is defined as the universe's fifth element, a spiritual and metaphysical enhancement to the basic four physical elements - earth, air, fire and water - which form the universe. This element, quintessence, represents purity, soul and spirit.

It is believed to be the substance of what heaven embodies.

Quintessence represents:

"The soul of luxury:" Personal service, lavish suites, fine food & wine, a luxurious spa.

"The spirit of the great outdoors:" The towering evergreens and lush landscaping that surround the hotel; the unique infinity-edge swimming pool; the splendid setting on an historic estate that is both steps from Mont Tremblant's ski lifts and also on the shore of a sublime lake.

"The purity of well-being." The bracing mountain air; the restorative services of spa therapists providing massages, yoga or stretch sessions; the sheltered feeling of privacy and discretion at a fine hotel. Guests can go fishing in the wilderness and return to the comfort of the hotel at night.

SEAN O'DONNELL has been involved in hospitality and tourism in the Laurentians for 20 years. A dynamic hotelier and restaurateur, he also is co-owner of other outstanding enterprises and almost corners the market on upscale après-ski in Mont Tremblant. He is owner of Le Shack, a slope-side bistro that is the region's "in spot", and La Forge, an exciting grill, also steps from the ski lifts.

O'Donnell was the first commercial tenant on Station Mont Tremblant in 1994, recognizing the remarkable potential of Intrawest's redevelopment of the mountain. He also was president of the Tremblant Merchants Association and a board of directors member of Tremblant Resort Association.

"Hotel Quintessence evolved because we believe it is essential to experience *the quintessential things of life*," says O'Donnell. "Our goal at 'Q' is to provide all the elements that will allow our guests to attain a lasting sense of well-being. Everything we do is guided by this philosophy."

Whether guests choose serenity or excitement, camaraderie or privacy, relaxation or exhilaration, Hotel Quintessence provides the setting.

"Our excellent staff is fundamental," says O'Donnell. "I think we can provide any service asked, from chartering a plane to arranging a classic 'English-style' pheasant shoot."

O'Donnell also has been owner and administrator, since 1980, of Hotel La Louisiane and Bourbon Street Bar in Sainte-Adele in the Lower Laurentian region.

STEPHEN COUREY is world-traveled businessman and a long-time habitué of Tremblant. An avid sportsman, he has skied challenging Mont Tremblant since childhood.

He also owns and races a Ferrari and is thrilled that 11 sessions of the Ferrari Driving Experience, a series of glamorous two-day getaways in Mont Tremblant, will be held in conjunction with Hotel Quintessence throughout the summer of 2006.

Says Courey: "Quintessence is the only hotel in Mont Tremblant that can cater to the top-echelon of leisure travelers and business incentive groups."

"For example, "Q" is uniquely positioned to receive seaplanes at a private dock. And guests that land their private aircraft at Mont Tremblant International Airport are greeted with champagne. The superb experience only starts there."

Founder of one of the top companies in North America importing hard-surface flooring, with a division specializing in hotel furnishings, Courey travels world-wide and brings to Quintessence expertise in the needs of hotels as well as creative ideas and high standards of hospitality inspired by the finest establishments world-wide.

HOTEL QUINTESSENCE is one of the finest country lodges in North America, a luxurious 30-suite boutique hotel in Mont Tremblant. A blend of Old World graciousness and contemporary country style, this superb establishment is renowned for its rugged granite, fieldstone and wood exterior and superlative rich interiors.

Quintessence has a unique location and a splendid setting in the rugged Laurentian mountain region. The hotel is the only lodging property that is both at the foot of Mont Tremblant's charming slope-side village and also lakeside, on the shore of magnificent Lake Tremblant. "Q" also is 2 km./ 1.2 mi. from Le Circuit Mont Tremblant, an international auto-racing venue and site of many prestigious auto club rallies such as Ferrari and Porsche.

Quintessence is distinctive for its infinity-edge swimming pool, its sweeping, sublime Presidential Suites, the private and historic Clagett's Cabin, the exquisite boutique spa Sans Sabots and the gorgeous chandelier of Swarovski crystals in the lobby.

Quintessence has gourmet cuisine, fine comfort food and a connoisseur's collection of wine and spirits. Its exceptionally large suites feature wood-burning fireplaces, fabulous featherbeds and opulent marble bathrooms with heated marble floors, air-jet tubs, private water closets and rain-showers. Impeccable service is a priority at "Q" and no detail is insignificant.

Most compelling at "Q" are the stunning views of lovely Lake Tremblant and the thick forests and daunting mountains beyond. This majestic Laurentian region landscape is visible from virtually all vantage points at "Q."

Mont Tremblant is a four-season resort 90 minutes north of Montreal that is a leader in downhill skiing and boarding, golf, auto-racing, cross-country skiing, hiking and mountain biking.

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