CELEBRATED U.S. MAGAZINE ROBB REPORT LISTS HOTEL QUINTESSENCE FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR AMONG THE WORLD'S TOP 100 LUXURY RESORTS

MONT-TREMBLANT – JUNE 2008 – For the third consecutive year, the Robb Report Luxury Resorts has included Hotel Quintessence as one of the finest 100 resorts and ultimate escapes in the world.

"We're delighted to be among the top 100 for the third year in a row," says Sean O'Donnell, who with his partner Steve Courey co-founded the luxury hotel in Mont-Tremblant. "It's gratifying to be included again this year. Quintessence is a boutique hotel, not affiliated with an international brand, and it's satisfying that we continue to stand out."

Quintessence, the favoured Canadian hotel for lovers of both nature and luxury from around the globe, offers the best of both worlds. Its location is ideal, and unique in offering both slopeside and waterfront in one perfect package: the joys of Mont-Tremblant for snow sports and hiking, and the beauty and activities of Lac Tremblant. Whether it's for fly-fishing or Ferrari racing, fine cuisine and vintage wines, or the spa life, Hotel Quintessence has taken its rightful place among the Robb Report's top 100 resorts in the world.

The Quintessence is in distinguished company. Other landmarks of luxury in the Report include: The Four Seasons Resort, Whistler, British Columbia (the only other Canadian resort on the list); The Point, Saranac Lake, New York; Four Seasons Resort The Biltmore, Santa Barbara, California; and the Wynn in Las Vegas, Nevada. Featured properties in Robb Report Luxury Resorts range from grand country estates and private island retreats to exotic resorts with villas, Alpine ski chalets and African game lodges. The properties set the highest standards for service, setting, architecture and amenities, as well as that rare, intangible quality: exclusivity.

The Luxury Resorts edition is an annual magazine of the influential and prestigious Robb Report, an international authority on the luxury lifestyle, including exceptional real estate, yachts, automobiles, aircraft, art, jewellery, fashion, travel and wine.

Hotel Quintessence fits right in, blending Old World graciousness and classic country décor with the latest conveniences. It has many distinctive features: the striking infinity-edged swimming pool, the exquisite "boutique" spa Sans Sabots, superb gastronomy in Le Q Restaurant, vintage spirits and cool cocktails in the Winebar, the 5,000-bottle wine cellar and the matchless Presidential Suites. A huge chandelier of shimmering Swarovski crystals and magnificent wood-burning stone fireplace grace the lobby. From every west window, the lake lies shimmering beyond.

Impeccable service is a priority at "Q" and no detail is too small. Guests are welcomed by name with seamless check-in, and ushered to their spacious suites where the fireplace is blazing and bottled water and fruit await.

Every one of Quintessence's 30 sublime suites offers an uninterrupted view across Lake Tremblant. The suites are exceptionally large and handsomely appointed, with woodburning fireplaces, featherbeds and opulent bathrooms featuring heated marble floors, double air-jet tubs, rain showers and private water closets.

"Acknowledgement by the Robb Report is a welcome confirmation of the significant contribution of our employees," says Mrs. Elefante, General Manager. "Having the Quintessence identified for the third year in a row as one of the world's great resorts underlines its special qualities – its links to Mont Tremblant's history as a resort area, its refined dining areas, its outstanding setting and its status as a destination for the social, sporting and business gatherings of VIP travellers."

Quintessence (ketesas) n-quinte essence v. 1265; lat. scolast. quinta essentia_"fifth essence".

Quintessence is the fifth element, added to the other four elements - earth, air, fire and water - to form the universe. This element represents purity, soul and spirit.

It is said to be the fundamental substance of heaven.

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