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Ottawa's Brookstreet Hotel Receives Rare 4 out of 5 Rating from Audubon Green Leaf™ Eco-Rating Program

Audubon Green Leaf™ Eco-Rating Program, the industry leader in environmental evaluations of hotels and resorts, commends Ottawa property for showing leadership in environmental stewardship

OTTAWA, Ontario, Canada – July 22, 2004 – Brookstreet Hotel, Ottawa's leading boutique hotel, conference facility, and resort, has been awarded 4 out of 5 leaves in the Audubon International Green Leaf™ Eco-Rating program. Only sixteen hotels in Canada have achieved this level of award for environmental performance, certifying Brookstreet Hotel as a national industry leader in its commitment to the environment while operating a premiere hotel property. This latest distinction marks a growing list of industry accolades that have been awarded to Brookstreet Hotel since its opening in June, 2003, including a rare double Four Diamond Award from CAA/AAA for both its lodgings and its urbane restaurant, Perspectives, and Wine Spectator magazine's Award of Excellence recognizing Perspectives for its exceptional wine list.

"The Audubon distinction is definitive proof that a hotel can offer impeccable service and the finest product possible to its clients while maintaining its corporate responsibility in the area of environmental protection," stated Patrice Basille, General Manager of Brookstreet Hotel. "Brookstreet is more than just a hotel, it is a destination which offers exceptional amenities for our guests and it is a corporate citizen committed to the community. I am very proud of our staff for their dedication to meeting our environmental goals, and for achieving a Four Leaf rating with Audubon."

"We enthusiastically applaud Brookstreet Hotel and their staff for achieving leadership in the hotel industry for their commitment to eco-efficiency and environmental responsibility with their Four Green Leafs eco-rating," said Scott McDougall, President of TerraChoice Environmental Marketing, which manages the Audubon Green Leaf™ Eco-Rating Program. "It is so easy to get passionate about working with hotels, like Brookstreet, that are involved in the Audubon Green Leaf™ Program. The Program is a real team builder for the hotels staff as they all work towards making a difference that is measurable! I'm confident that Brookstreet Hotel will benefit by this rating both through cost savings and by becoming a hotel of choice for the increasing numbers of environmentally conscientious travellers."

Brookstreet Hotel is a 276-room luxury boutique hotel located in the heart of Ottawa's high-tech sector. Its décor is understated and sophisticated, its hotel staff is renowned for attention to detail and personal service, and its recreational facilities are exceptional, including *Au Naturel Wellness & Medical Spa*, and *The Marshes Golf Course*, designed



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by the legendary Robert Trent Jones Sr. in collaboration with his son and namesake. All of Brookstreet's guestrooms offer superior amenities, including true high-speed Internet access, in-room electronic safes, down-filled duvets and luxurious, velour bathrobes. The 16,000 square feet of meeting space is anchored by a 5,200 square foot ballroom, and has capabilities for web casting, video conferencing, and multimedia presentation support.

The Audubon Green Leaf™ Eco-Rating Program was instituted in early 2004 to provide measurable industry standards and concrete incentives for hotel properties to operate in an environmentally friendly manner. Its program rates hotels on an extensive range of environmental practices, and award levels are based on a detailed point system that examines everything from garbage disposal to building materials.

"I hope that people who are interested in luxury and also interested in environmental responsibility will come to our property and see for themselves the quality of the experience we provide our guests here at Brookstreet," continued General Manager Patrice Basille. "Being successful at business does not mean cutting corners in the area of corporate responsibility, and at Brookstreet we are committed to being industry leaders both in our commitment to the environment, and in our commitment to being Ottawa's first and best hotel choice for business, meetings, and fun."

For more information on Brookstreet Hotel or its sister property The Celtic Manor Resort, located in Wales, please visit: www.brookstreethotel.com

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