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Complexe Desjardins: Office Building of the Year!

Complexe Desjardins recently won the title of The Office Building of the Year (TOBY) in the "Renovated Building" category at the annual Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) international awards ceremony in Denver, Colorado. This makes it the first building in Québec in the last 20 years to receive this recognition—the highest distinction in the North American commercial real estate industry. This major competition rewards quality in commercial property and recognizes the cream of the crop in real estate who have demonstrated international excellence, particularly in office building management, quality of operations, concern for the conservation of resources and environmental consciousness.

Tribute to Louise Arbour

At its annual event, attended by some 900 people, the Montréal YWCA Women of Distinction Gala presented its Pioneer Award to the Honourable Louise Arbour, former High Commissioner for Human Rights. The event, which celebrates its 15th anniversary this year, is intended to honour and publicly recognize women who have stood out in various activity sectors and to pay particular tribute to a pioneer in her field, whose work has opened doors and paved the way for the women who followed. For more than 130 years, the Montréal Women's Y has supported women of all ages and from all backgrounds in their personal, professional and economic development. Among other things, the organization offers literacy programs, lodging, a residence for women in distress, youth leadership programs to counter the early sexualization of girls and violence against women, as well as employability and entrepreneurship services. As a partner of the Women of Distinction Gala, Desjardins participated in presenting the Business and Professions Award to Karen Radford, Executive Vice-President and President, TELUS Québec and TELUS Partner Solutions.

FIRST DESJARDINS CHAT SESSION.

A Resounding Success!

There was a strong turnout by young people aged 15 to 30 in response to the invitation by Chair of the Board, President and CEO of Desjardins Group, Monique F. Leroux, to chat online. The President thereby accomplished her goal of opening up a dialogue with young people as part of Cooperation Week activities.

On October 17, 188 people signed into the chat room to talk with Ms. Leroux, who answered all their questions. A total of 262 contributions were compiled and the President answered 122 questions on topics such as the cooperative difference, how young people are received at Desjardins, as well as major social issues.

To read the complete transcript of the chat session, go to desjardins.com/chat.

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