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2008 Canadian Investment Awards Winners Announced

Annual awards recognize leaders in the financial services industry

TORONTO, ON December 3, 2008. The Canadian Investment Awards, Canada's premier awards program, recognizing excellence in the financial services industry, is proud to present this year's winners. The awards were presented earlier this evening at the 14th annual event held at The Fairmont Royal York Hotel in Toronto.

"Our goal each year is to recognize innovation, leadership and commitment to long-term investing in Canada," said Sabine Steinbrecher, founder of the Canadian Investment Awards, "Never before has leadership and long-term vision been more important to recognize than in these markets. Leaders are making substantial efforts to continue to serve Canadians and we are proud to showcase those at the forefront. Investors can look for the winner logos when making their investment decisions – knowing that an unbiased process has been put in place to determine leaders who have performed consistently over many years. This is unlike any other process in Canada."

The awards recognize leadership in the investment industry and represent Canada's wide range of investment products, including mutual funds, hedge funds, pooled funds, socially responsible funds, and outstanding individual fund managers. Additional awards recognize career achievement, education, technology, innovation, marketing, and community investment. Awards are determined by a jury of industry experts who determine winners through a rigorous, audited process with long-term focus. A complete list of jurors can be found on the Canadian Investment Awards website at www.investmentawards.com.

This year the CIA again went green with the awarding of the inaugural Green Company Award for Environmental Leadership and with a comprehensive focus on running a green event and awards process.

Canadian Small Cap Pooled Fund

Winner: Hillsdale Canadian Performance Equity, Hillsdale Investment Management Inc.

Silver: QV Canadian Small Cap, QV Investors Inc.

Bronze: Standard Life Small Cap Equity, Standard Life Assurance Company of Canada