



## **InterContinental Toronto Centre Celebrates 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary With a “Toast to Ten Terrific Years”**



**InterContinental Toronto Centre**, Front Street West, celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Tuesday, September 17, 2013. Shown here at the event are Alexi Hakim, general manager of InterContinental Toronto Centre (left), with Lew Fader, vice president of operations, IHG Hotel & Resorts Eastern US and Canada (centre), and Drew Coles, vice president of hotels, Oxford Properties Group Inc. (right).

**September 19, 2013, Toronto, Ontario** - InterContinental Toronto Centre celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and to mark the occasion, the Front Street hotel held an invitation-only “Toast to Ten Terrific Years” party in the grand lobby and Azure Restaurant + Bar. The evening paid tribute to patrons and acknowledges ten years of InterContinental Toronto Centre fine hospitality and service. Special guests for the evening were Lew Fader, Vice President Operations –Eastern US and Canada, IHG Hotel & Resorts and Drew Coles, Oxford Properties Group Inc. Hotel General Manager, Alexi Hakim notes that the occasion was a, “Wonderful way to say thank you to our loyal supporters for the privilege of being their preferred address for business, pleasure and home from home”.

For InterContinental Toronto Centre, it has been ten years of great service, affordable luxury, spectacular city and lake views, connectivity to the Metro Toronto Convention Centre and a location smack dab in the centre of Toronto’s financial, shopping, theatre and restaurant districts. City sights, sport venues (Rogers Centre, Air Canada Centre, Hockey Hall of Fame), landmarks (the CN Tower) and the soon-to-open Ripley’s Aquarium Canada are just steps away.

And InterContinental Toronto Centre is marking its 10th year with a fresh new look and same welcoming attitude. The experience starts in the off-the-grand-lobby *Azure Restaurant & Bar* with its sleek, stylish appointments and new smooth BelloSound, and then carries through to the new design feel of the guest rooms and the freshly updated *The Spa InterContinental*.

Under a canopy of glass, offering views of the Toronto cityscape, *Azure Restaurant & Bar* is a showcase of contemporary Canadian cuisine. Executive Chef John Mitchell and Chef de Cuisine, Grace DiFede and their creative team presents seasonally inspired menus incorporating the freshest sourced premium ingredients. The Bar with its imaginative signature cocktails is a comfortable, relaxed meeting place.

When commissioned to design and update the InterContinental Toronto Centre guest rooms and suites Chapi Chapo, a Toronto-based boutique design firm, wanted the feel of the guest rooms and suites to have a “local sense” of place, to incorporate the signature style, understated luxury of InterContinental Hotel Group and create a residential experience with a welcoming, comfortable atmosphere. Two principal influences inspired the design team – the hotel’s proximity to the Fashion District and the backdrop of Lake Ontario. Low profile furnishings were smartly used to afford uninterrupted lake and city views. The new feature rooms and suites integrate classic design and textures with glamorous accents.



**New King Feature Room**

The 8,000 square-foot *The Spa InterContinental*, an Aveda Concept Spa, is a go-to oasis for hotel guests and city dwellers. *The Spa InterContinental* offers an essential blend of spa services to refresh body and mind. Located on the third floor of the hotel, *The Spa InterContinental* specializes in massage, body therapy, skin care and esthetic services. Guests can unplug and indulge in this calming oasis and light-filled atrium which features 13 treatment rooms and a highly trained, welcoming staff, a 48 foot saline pool and whirlpool and a scenic terrace.

Alexi Hakim, who is proud of his team and the hotel’s ten great years, points out that, “Each associate is a dedicated ambassador of hospitality and service”.

## **About InterContinental Toronto Centre**

The InterContinental Toronto Centre is designed to fulfill every need of the global traveler. The 586- room hotel brings together affordable luxury, ideal location, state-of-the-art technology and meeting facilities and personalized customer service.

The hotel features exceptional Azure Restaurant & Bar and The Spa InterContinental Toronto Centre, a serene oasis offering a wide selection of Aveda spa treatments. Club InterContinental, an exclusive "hotel within a hotel" is designed with business travelers in mind. The three floors provide 90 elegantly appointed rooms and suites, private check-in, dedicated concierge and limousine service, a private lounge, library and boardroom.

The InterContinental Toronto Centre, connected to the Metro Toronto Convention Centre which overlooks scenic Lake Ontario, is set in the heart of Toronto's financial, shopping, theatre and restaurant districts. Reservations can be made at [www.torontocentre.intercontinental.com](http://www.torontocentre.intercontinental.com) or direct reservations within Canada and US can be made at 1-800-422-7969 and worldwide reservations at 1-800-327-0200. The hotel is managed and operated under license by InterContinental® Hotels Group (Canada), Inc.

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