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Avison Young wins 2009 BOMA awards for management of 11 King Street West and 70 University Avenue, Toronto

TORONTO, April 29 /CNW/ - Peter Leroux, Executive Vice-President, Avison Young Real Estate Management Services, is pleased to announce that Senior Property Manager Susan Vertes Dutton and her property management team have been awarded Certificates of Building Excellence for the management of 11 King Street West and 70 University Avenue (Toronto, ON) by the Building Owners and Managers Association of the Greater Toronto Area (BOMA Toronto).

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BOMA Toronto celebrated building and management excellence at its 11th annual awards dinner on April 23, 2009 at the Liberty Grand Entertainment Complex. More than 500 real estate professionals recognized their peers at the commercial real estate event of the year. President Jonathan Fleischer presented the Association's prestigious awards.

"We are very proud of Susan and her team's achievements. Avison Young is honored to receive the Certificates of Building Excellence as they reflect the quality of the people throughout the Avison Young organization, which has enabled us to deliver superior service to our valued clients and tenants over the years. This industry recognition is an affirmation of our service commitment," comments Leroux.

BOMA Toronto's Certificate of Excellence program recognizes excellence in property and facility management. Certification acknowledges performance quality and the people behind it. Buildings must meet standards in building management, operations, environmental/energy/emergency management, design, tenant and community relations, tenant satisfaction and personnel training.

Every building submitted for certification is subject to a building inspection.

In addition, Susan and her team were recognized with a Certificate of Management Excellence for ensuring this high standard of excellence is achieved.

"Winning these awards amongst a field of very strong competitors shows the level of capability and dedication the Avison Young team brings to its projects," comments Dutton. "It is a great honour for us to be recognized by our peers who know the daily effort and commitment it takes to meet the high standards that BOMA sets out in this program. We will continue to work to provide the best possible services to our tenants."

11 King Street West comprises 165,807 square feet (sf) over 19 floors at the centre of the Toronto financial district. The building, which opened in 1965 as the Toronto headquarters for Montreal Trust, was designed by Page and Steele- one of Toronto's foremost architectural firms. The building's connection to the PATH (Toronto's 27-km downtown walkway) and proximity to the subway and Union Station provide tenants with the amenities and service offerings of larger class A buildings without the

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Built in 1982, 70 University Ave is a 14-storey, 235,530-sf class A office building located near the subway, Union Station and the class AAA towers that define the financial core. The building's design incorporates outdoor terraces that allow many tenants access to a patio environment that is part of their leased premises.

Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) of Canada is the voice of the Canadian commercial real estate industry with more than 2,500 members in regional associations across Canada. On behalf of the building owners, managers, developers, facilities managers, asset managers, leasing agents, brokers, and the product and service providers to over 1.9 billion square feet of commercial real estate in Canada, BOMA Canada addresses issues of national concern, and promotes excellence in the industry through information, education advocacy and recognition.

Founded in 1978, Avison Young is Canada's largest independently-owned commercial real estate services company and the only national, Canadian-owned, principal-managed real estate brokerage firm in the country. Headquartered in Toronto, Ontario and ranked among Canada's leading national commercial real estate organizations, Avison Young is a full-service commercial real estate company comprising more than 500 real estate professionals in 12 offices across Canada and in Chicago, IL. The company provides value-added, client-centric investment sales, leasing, advisory, management and financial services to owners and users of commercial, industrial and multi-residential real estate properties.

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