

LANGDON HALL UPHOLDS PRESTIGIOUS CAA/AAA FIVE DIAMOND AWARD FOR A 3RD CONSECUTIVE YEAR

CAMBRIDGE, ONTARIO, CANADA (April 3rd, 2007) – The brilliant culinary excellence continues at **Langdon Hall Country House Hotel and Spa**, the charming and luxurious English Country Manor tucked in a quiet corner of Cambridge, just an hour west of Toronto.

Langdon Hall has been awarded the coveted CAA/AAA Five Diamond Award for a remarkable 3rd consecutive year, and is among only a handful of restaurants across North America to uphold the designation. As the CAA/AAA's highest honour, the title signifies world-class culinary excellence, delivered in exceptional surroundings, with remarkable attention to detail.

“The quality of our food is very specific, such as the fresh produce grown in our Kitchen Garden on site, and is complimented by wine selections from our 10,000-bottle collection,” explains Food & Beverage Manager Sylvain Brissonet. “The quality of the service is also very much a part of the experience. Our waiters know the wines, they know the menu and they are trained on a regular basis, just as they are in Europe.”

“The honourable distinction of being a Five Diamond venue is an invitation to our guests to come experience something different,” says Langdon Hall Executive Chef Jonathan Gushue. “We search out the best ingredients available, such as organic foods farmed on a smaller scale. Our duck, veal, lamb and venison is sourced from regional farmers, while specialty items such as loose tea and mushrooms are brought in from as far afoot as Vancouver Island. With the best of the bounty, you modify very little.”

Chef Gushue has trained internationally and no stranger to working in an award-winning environment. Before coming to Langdon Hall in 2005, he was the chef at the acclaimed Truffles Restaurant at the Four Seasons Toronto. Until last year, Langdon Hall and Truffles Restaurant were the only two dining rooms in Ontario to hold the prestigious Five Diamond Award. Le Cordon Bleu Signatures in Ottawa became the third recipient in April 2006.

Langdon Hall has received numerous awards in addition to the CAA/AAA Five Diamond Restaurant Award. The hotel has been a proud recipient of the CAA/AAA Four Diamond Accommodation Award for over a decade, while the Wine Spectator Best of Award of Excellence has recognized Langdon Hall as having one of the most outstanding wine lists in the world, bestowing the two glass award for the past two years. Langdon Hall has also been a member of the prestigious Relais & Château association since 1991.

Surrounded by 200 acres of expansive gardens and trails, Langdon Hall is not so much a dining venue as a vacation destination. Built in 1898 as the lavish summer home of Eugene Langdon Wilks, the hotel exudes charm and character, impeccably maintained in the grandeur that was de rigueur among the American upper class a century ago. The elegant main house comprises a spacious thirty-two rooms, totaling more than 25,000 square feet. Since Langdon Hall began its transformation into a hotel in 1987, the mansion and its graciously renovated former staff quarters and farm buildings now offer a total of 53 luxurious guest suites, a full service spa and an a collection of private dining rooms with wood burning fireplaces.

The CAA/AAA organization, which serves over 46 million members, evaluates more than 12,000 restaurants across Canada and the United States each year. Award ratings are based on unannounced evaluations performed by full-time, professionally trained representatives, as well as club and individual member recommendations.

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