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Walter Celebrates 50 years!

On Saturday, May 25, 2002, Walter VIP guests, including many retired Walter employees, gathered in the Centennial Hall of McGill University's Macdonald Campus in Ste. Anne de Bellevue (Quebec) to mark the 50th anniversary of the J. Walter Company Limited.

Earlier in the day, guests and local Walter employees and their families had the opportunity to “go back in time”, travel around the world (the WALTER World), and step into the future, at the spectacular open-house event held at Walter's Canadian facilities in Pointe-Claire, Quebec.



The evening was launched with a moving speech by Pierre Somers, tracing the origins of the “Walter Way” and giving us a preview of the Company's future, while acknowledging the many contributions of employees, partners and customers that have made the success of the Walter Group of companies possible.



The event culminated with Pierre Somers announcing the creation of the new Walter J. Somers Chair in International Strategic Management at the Business School (HEC – École des Hautes Études Commerciales) of the Université de Montréal, in honour of his father, the original founder of the Company.

Pierre Somers and Jean-Marie Toulouse (Dir. HEC U. de Montréal)

The message of the celebration was clear: we are not only celebrating the efforts and successes of the past fifty years, we are also ensuring the continued success of the Company by investing into the future through our commitments to innovation, to the community and to our customers, partners and employees.

We are well on our road to achieving our goal of “becoming the best respected firm in our industry on a worldwide basis”.

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