

# Montréal in Action

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## Expansion work at the CHU Sainte-Justine clears a major hurdle

Plans to expand the Centre hospitalier universitaire (CHU) Sainte-Justine have cleared

a major hurdle, as the city's Executive Committee has approved the necessary by-law amendments. The *Growing up healthy* project, at an estimated cost of over \$500 million, will make it possible to add new buildings and considerably expand the current hospital complex.



## Rolls-Royce expands its Montréal plant

Rolls-Royce has opened its first North American repair and overhaullinefortheV2500engine family in Canada. The new line,

set up in 18 months, called for investment of \$19.5 million. Its design incorporates the latest lean manufacturing technology and new team-based work practices.

## Montréal Climate Exchange opens

The Montréal Exchange and the Chicago Climate Exchange (CCX) have officially opened the Montréal Climate Exchange. The idea of setting up the market was announced in December 2005, and its establishment was announced a few months later, in July 2006. The Montréal Exchange brings its expertise in trading systems, clearing, market regulation and financial risk management, while the CCX brings its experience in operating the Chicago Climate Exchange.



## Bombardier looking for 750 new workers

Thanks to a very full order book, Bombardier Aerospace is now looking to hire. The Montréal-based Bombardier subsidiary is

seeking 750 workers, including 500 engineers, in Montréal

over the next two years. The engineers will be working on different aircraft prototypes, including the new Learjet 85, the CRJ1000 and Series C aircraft.



## CAE wins \$56 M in simulator contracts

CAE, a manufacturer of flight simulators and provider of related services, has signed contracts to design and

manufacture five flight simulators worth over \$56 million. The contracts are with Aeroflot Russian Airlines, Ansett Aviation Training, Skymark Airlines of Japan, and the new CAE training centre in Bangalore, India, a joint venture 50% owned by CAE.



## CGI picks up a US\$29.6 M contract in Oregon

The state of Oregon has signed a US\$29.6 million, 36-month contract with the CGI Group, to

design and launch a child welfare information system for the Oregon Human Services Department. The Montréal firm has set up its child welfare information systems in more US states than any other supplier. Oregon will be the tenth state to join its user community.

## Breakthrough imminent in Italy for Simex Technologies

According to *La Presse*, Simex Technologies, a young Montréal company, is about to sign a major agreement with T.Seven, the third-largest European maker of fibreglass truck cabs. The Saint-Laurent company manufactures and markets an invention developed in 2004 by Dr. Halim Chtourou. The new product has won a number of awards, including one for the best technology of 2005, from the Canadian National Research Council, and for the best innovation of 2006, from the Association de la recherche industrielle du Québec.



### **Profit magazine ranks Nstein Technologies as one of the 100 fastest-growing companies in Canada**

Nstein Technologies, a leader in online publishing solutions for newspapers, magazines and online content providers, is proud to announce that it made the *Profit* 100 list of Canada's fastest-growing companies in 2007. With 1,244% growth in revenue over the past five years, Nstein made a remarkable entry into the list – ranking 51st in Canada and 6th in Quebec.



### **The 2008 Urban Leadership Award goes to the QIM**

The Quartier international de Montréal (QIM), Daoust Lestage and

the city of Montréal were the joint winners of the 2008 Urban Leadership Award in the City Renewal category, from the Canadian Urban Institute. The award recognizes activities that renew, revitalize and restore cities through advocacy that shapes policy on major urban issues, thereby promoting attitudinal change, encouraging public participation and transforming the urban landscape for future generations.

### **Montréal, a “trader’s city”?**

According to *Trader Monthly* magazine, Montréal ranks 23rd in the world as a good city for working in the securities industry. The ranking will be published in the next issue. Chicago comes out on top, followed by London and New York.

### **Alyotech acquires Solutions Exaf**

The management of Alyotech has announced that its Canadian subsidiary, Groupe Conseil OSI, will be acquiring Solutions Exaf. Alyotech Canada has close to 700 employees in Greater Montréal, making it a major player in the information technologies consulting business in Canada. With this new

acquisition the company hopes to significantly boost its capacity and positioning on the Quebec strategic and business consulting market.



### **The Grey Cup in Montréal**

The next Grey Cup championship will be played in Montréal. Close to 40,000 tickets have

already been sold, and the organizing committee hopes to beat the record of 68,000 spectators at the 1977 Grey Cup pitting the Alouettes against the Edmonton Eskimos. Larry Smith, Alouettes President and Grey Cup Committee Co-President, estimates that the event will generate spinoff of \$40 to 50 million for Montréal.

### **The Grand Prix of Canada inaugurates new facilities**

The new facilities, at a cost of \$5.5 million, will offer more space and comfort for the some 350 national and international media representatives covering the Grand Prix of Canada and the 1,000 members of Formula 1 teams.

### **Cosmetics giant Sephora comes to Montréal**

According to the *Journal de Montréal*, French cosmetics giant Sephora, with over 700 stores worldwide, will be landing in Quebec in the next few days. Two large stores – 5,500 ft<sup>2</sup> – will be opening simultaneously in the Promenades St-Bruno and Fairview Pointe-Claire shopping centres. The company located its Canadian head office on de Maisonneuve Ouest in February 2007.

### **H&M arrives in downtown Montréal in August**

The fashion industry in downtown Montréal will be welcoming a new player in August, with the arrival of the Swedish Hennes & Mauritz chain. Work is already underway on the 15,670 ft<sup>2</sup>, three-storey store to be located at 1100 Sainte-Catherine Ouest. The company plans to open a youth-oriented store two weeks later, at 450 Sainte-Catherine Ouest.