

West Block Quotes

Galen G. Weston, Executive Chairman, Loblaw Companies Limited:

“When the building first opened in 1928 it was hailed as the most modern warehouse of its kind. Our task was to reconstruct a space that represents Loblaw’s exciting future and properly captures the essence of both its history, and that of the city,” said Galen G. Weston, Executive Chairman, Loblaw. “Brick by brick and stone by stone, West Block’s historic façade has been restored so it once again becomes a destination within the community.”

Sarah Davis, President, Loblaw Companies Limited:

“The reopening of the West Block building is an important milestone in Loblaw’s history, and a cornerstone of our future,” said Sarah Davis, President, Loblaw. “The building is an architectural representation of our company, and our role as an ongoing retail innovator. It brings together our century-long story, combining convenient bricks-and-mortar store locations and the new hub of our digital, loyalty and financial services teams.”

Tony Grossi, President, Wittington Properties:

“Wittington Properties recognized a great opportunity in 2013. The historical Loblaw Groceteria head office and warehouse location was in need of a complete restoration at a scale never before imagined in the City of Toronto,” said Tony Grossi, President of Wittington Properties. “Meticulous attention to detail was paid to not only the precise placement of brick and stone, but also to the reintroduction of the original bronze reliefs at the Heritage Entrance and in recreation of the original Loblaw Groceteria building sign. The focus on recapturing the original essence of the historical building was important to preserve the memory that a great brand in 1928 continues to be a great brand over 90 years later.”

Barry Columb, President, PC Financial:

“PC Financial is all about providing everyday rewards to Canadians through digital-first payments innovations,” says Barry Columb, President, PC Financial. “We’re excited that the move to 2 Bathurst will help foster even more collaboration and agility, allowing us to continue evolving and delivering rewarding everyday banking products to Canadians.”

Uwe Stueckmann, Chief Customer Officer, Loblaw Companies Limited:

“Loblaw Digital is one of the fastest growing arms of the business, reporting \$1 billion in sales last year and having already doubled that this year already,” said Uwe Stueckmann, Chief Customer Officer, Loblaw. “The new, state of the art space will help us accommodate our rapidly growing team of world class engineers and expand our commitment to customer convenience. The space comes equipped with new, in-house technologies that will help us develop those solutions our customers crave and have the added convenience of retail locations below, where we can test new products and services with our customers.”

Greg Ramier, President, Market Division at Loblaw Companies Limited:

“As we return to the historic Loblaws Groceterias warehouse, we’ve remained true to our core values of driving innovation, prioritizing quality food and the experiences that surround them,” said Greg Ramier, President Loblaws Market Division. “We’re excited to introduce residents of City Place and Harbourfront to Pane Fresco, offering restaurant quality meals To-Go, adding an additional layer of convenience for all Food Lovers.”

Ian Freedman, President, Joe Fresh:

“We are thrilled to be launching a new Joe Fresh freestanding store location alongside the incredible teams at Loblaws and Shoppers Drug Mart,” said Ian Freedman, President, Joe Fresh. “When we embarked on the journey of creating this store we knew that we wanted to create an updated, flagship location that would showcase the best of our product, and serve the needs of our downtown Toronto customers. The finished outcome has exceeded our expectations and we are so looking forward to welcoming everyone into the store.”

Jeff Leger, President, Shoppers Drug Mart:

“The new Shoppers Drug Mart location will help support the beauty, health and wellness needs of those living in one of the city’s fastest growing communities,” said Jeff Leger, President, Shoppers Drug Mart. “With both in-person and digital pharmacy services, such as the flu shot during cold and flu season and online prescription refills and free prescription deliveries, as well as an extensive line up of everyday and prestige cosmetics the new location will bring the products and services those services our customers rely on closer to home.”