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CIVIC CENTRE CHEF RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD

The Executive Chef of the Prince George Civic Centre was recently selected from 22,000 employees of Compass Group Canada to receive a special award from the company's CEO. The **CEO Special Recognition Award** acknowledges outstanding performance, achievement and a commitment to success – all characteristics of Chef Jorge Soares (pronounced: George SOAR-ez). Jorge's culinary performance at the Prince George Civic Centre has been so outstanding that Compass CEO Jack MacDonald selected Jorge from hundreds of managers across Canada to give him one of nine awards handed out during the company's Top Managers Meeting in Ottawa.

"This year there were only two other CEO Special Awards in Compass Group Canada, so we are very proud that Jorge was selected for this honour," commented Prince George Civic Centre Manager, Colleen van Mook. "Compass Canada is a large company with over a thousand operations across Canada and for Jorge to be selected really proves what we already know: he is a talented Chef and is critical to the success of the Civic Centre."

Jorge has made the Prince George Civic Centre kitchen his "home" for more than twelve years. Dedication to his trade and the facility has made Chef Jorge highly regarded both in the community and the industry. Born in Portugal, he grew up in Prince George and graduated from PGSS and CNC's Culinary Arts program.

Compass Group Canada has more than 22,000 associates throughout Canada and is the nation's leading foodservice management company. A team of local managers and employees are the exclusive provider of food and beverage service at the Prince George Civic Centre.



Chef Jorge Soares (Centre) is presented his award by Compass Canada CEO Jack MacDonald and Brenda Brown VP of Human Resources for Compass Canada at the Museum of Civilization in Ottawa on October 8, 2008

High Resolution Photo Attached

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