Since the building’s acquisition by La Capitale, all major business decisions have contributed to reinforcing the social, environmental, and economic cohesion of the expansion and renovation project in the host community. Beyond its environmental distinctions, this construction is in line with sustainable development continuity and represents the foundations on which La Capitale’s organization is built. For this reason, La Capitale takes great pride in presenting its first building certified BOMA Best Platinum, which is also its third LEED®-certified building -- a true architectural and innovative Quebec treasure!

This 10-storey Class “A” building serves as a prestigious headquarters for La Capitale Insurance and Financial Services. Originally built as a seven-storey building in 1965, the facility was fully renovated and enlarged in 2013 to accommodate the company’s 1,600-plus Quebec City staff. Today, the 15-storey, 490,000-square-foot building with underground parking brings a contemporary and avant-garde style to its historic neighbourhood, while blending seamlessly with its Parliament neighbours via its use of natural stone materials and striking glass walls on its upper floors, which were designed to pay homage to the architecture of the government buildings that surround it. Certainly, says Rosée-Anne Cadorette Project Coordinator with La Capitale, building with smart growth is an
example of successful densification in the real estate market, adding, “Prior to construction, we wanted to expand our head office to bring all of our employees together in one place. Parliament Hill being a flagship place in the Quebec public service that is the raison d’être of La Capitale Civil Service, we had to do it here.”

La Capitale’s focus on ensuring the quality of life of its employees and tenants is demonstrated throughout the head office. Occupants have access to a rich selection of amenities, including a fitness centre, food service provider, outdoor patios, and fully-equipped lounges; while their day-to-day work is enhanced by spacious offices, abundant natural lighting, flexible meeting and work spaces, cutting-edge audio, visual, and IT resources, and a host of onsite services (e.g. dry cleaning, catering, infirmary, etc.). The building is also well-protected with a state-of-the-art fire and life-safety system, and around-the-clock security.

In combination with La Capitale’s comprehensive staff training and recognition programs, these features have earned the company high praise from both its workforce and the industry, including the most recent distinction of being named Employer of Choice among 31 companies this year; and, in 2017, earning more than 90% tenant satisfaction rating among survey participants in regards to transportation, thermal comfort, lighting levels, acoustics, facilities, services, and waste management.

A leader in its class, La Capitale is a natural addition to BOMA’s Honourees. Reflecting on its 2017 award, Mrs Cadorette notes, “Our team is constantly working hard, and we’re always trying to be proactive in all of our business decisions. To be recognized for that makes us all proud.”