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HSBC Expands its Immigrant Investor Program Services in Quebec

HSBC Trust Company (Canada), a subsidiary of HSBC Bank Canada, has opened a new office at 300 - 2001 McGill College Avenue in Montreal, Quebec to provide Quebec Immigrant Investor Program services.

Miguel Barrieras, Senior Vice President, Quebec & Atlantic Regions, HSBC Bank Canada, said: "As Canada's most international bank, HSBC is pleased to open a new office in Montreal to facilitate investments in Quebec by qualified immigrant applicants which will benefit the economy."

The Immigrant Investor Program was created by the Quebec Government to attract successful business immigrants and new investment capital to Quebec. The investments under this program generate non-refundable grants that are awarded to qualified Small and Medium Sized Enterprises based in Quebec that have projects which will stimulate economic growth and job creation.

Eric Major, Managing Director, Global Investor Immigration Services, HSBC Capital (Canada) Inc., said: "HSBC has a large international network and a powerful brand, which gives us a significant advantage in identifying qualified immigrant applicants. Our global network works with thousands of families each year who wish to settle in some of the world's most highly sought destinations. The addition of Quebec to our list of destinations will be of tremendous interest for our clients."

Reynald Lépine, Senior Director, Quebec Investor Immigration Services, HSBC Trust Company (Canada), manages the program in Montreal and has over 10 years experience working with immigrant investors, including investors from China.

For more information on the Quebec Immigrant Investor Program, please visit the website at www.investquebec.com.

For more information on HSBC Bank Canada's Immigrant Investor Program services, please visit www.hsbc.ca/iip

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