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**MAPLE LEAF SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCORES SLAM DUNK WITH
ALL FIVE RESTAURANTS JOINING OCEAN WISE®**

Toronto, ON – Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment (MLSE) has gone full court press in joining the sustainable seafood movement, with all five of its restaurant properties now partners of Vancouver Aquarium’s Ocean Wise program. Whether dining at Air Canada Centre or in Maple Leaf Square, sportsfans and seafood fans alike will now be able to find the Ocean Wise symbol on menus at e11even, Real Sports Bar & Grill, Platinum Club, The Hot Stove Club and Air Canada Club.

The restaurants vary in their cuisine but now one common thread is the ocean-friendly options that diners can find on each menu. Sustainable options range from Canadian east and west coast oysters at e11even to Humboldt squid calamari fries with house tzatziki at Real Sports Bar & Grill to Selva shrimp ravioli with shaved fennel and tarragon cream at Platinum Club.

“The sustainable seafood movement has gained momentum across Canada, and Toronto foodies are no exception to the growing desire to make the best choice when it comes to the future of our oceans. The Ocean Wise symbol on a menu means it’s easy to make that choice,” said Deirdre Finn, Ocean Wise Toronto Account Representative. “Having Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment join the Ocean Wise program is a win for both sides. MLSE is all about delivering the complete experience to their fans, and that now includes offering them sustainable, delicious seafood options while they watch their favourite teams.”

While MLSE is new to the Ocean Wise program, chef Taylor McMeekin of Air Canada Club was a partner during his time as chef at Mildred’s Temple Kitchen and helped lay the groundwork for the new partnership. The organization has strong roots in sustainable practices, having committed to reducing its impact on the environment with respect to waste, energy and water.

“MLSE has always been committed to serving our fans best-in-class food in all of our restaurants,” said Dan Morrow, Head of Food & Beverage at MLSE. “By partnering with Ocean Wise, we are proud to fully support sustainable seafood as well. The future of our food and environment are extremely important to us and this partnership gives us confidence that we are not only serving the highest quality seafood but also the most sustainably-sourced.”

Air Canada Centre is the first arena in Canada to have multiple Ocean Wise partner properties. Ocean Wise now has more than 675 partners – and thousands of partner locations— that span from Victoria, B.C. to St. John’s, Newfoundland.

Vancouver Aquarium Ocean Wise®

Overfishing is the single biggest threat our oceans face today. With more than 675 partners – and thousands of partner locations – across Canada, Ocean Wise makes it easy for consumers to make sustainable seafood choices that ensure the health of our oceans for generations to come. The Ocean Wise symbol next to a seafood item is the Vancouver Aquarium’s assurance of an ocean-friendly seafood choice. www.oceanwise.ca.

About MLSE

Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment (MLSE) one of the world's premier sports and entertainment companies, owns the Toronto Maple Leafs (NHL), Toronto Raptors (NBA), Toronto FC, Toronto Marlies (AHL), Raptors 905 (NBA D-League), and TFC II (USL). It also owns Air Canada Centre, Maple Leaf Square, three digital channels - Leafs TV and NBA TV Canada and has a partnership with Live Nation - the biggest concert promoter in the world. MLSE has also invested in and operates five of Toronto's sports facilities - Ricoh Coliseum, BMO Field, Kia Training Grounds at Downsview Park, home of Toronto FC's Academy and the First Team's practice facility, BioSteel Centre, the Toronto Raptors’ training facility and the MasterCard Centre for Hockey Excellence, the practice facility for the Maple Leafs and Marlies.

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