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French Fine Dining Coming to Queen City Square

– By Celebrated Chef Jean-Robert de Cavel and Maitre d' Richard Brown –

CINCINNATI – Dec. 3, 2014 – Western & Southern Financial Group (Western & Southern) is pleased to announce today the signing of a lease with renowned chef Jean-Robert de Cavel and eminent Maitre d' Richard Brown for a new fine dining French cuisine restaurant at Queen City Square.

“Ever since we opened Queen City Square, we planned to have a premier restaurant as part of the project,” said John F. Barrett, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Western & Southern. “We are excited to bring a truly special dining experience to the Queen City, and it is fitting for such a restaurant to be in the region’s most magnificent building. This is yet another way to further enhance the world-class stature of downtown Cincinnati and our region.”

“I am excited to have the opportunity to again bring to Cincinnati a fine dining restaurant that will be elegant and very special, and the prominent Queen City Square is the perfect location,” said de Cavel. “I am happy to work again alongside my friend Richard Brown and to be chosen by Western & Southern for their wonderful restaurant space.”

“I’m overwhelmed and grateful for the opportunity to partner with my long-time friend Jean-Robert and to have the support of Mr. Barrett and Western & Southern,” said Brown. Brown and de Cavel worked together at both Maisonette and Jean-Robert at Pigall’s from 1993 until 2009.

The fine dining French cuisine restaurant, to open in summer 2015, will offer an exceptionally elegant dining experience and will be located on the main level of Queen City Square, accessed primarily from Queen City Square’s grand promenade. The approximately 7,400 square-foot space features wonderful views to the south and west and will include an engaging lounge and bar as well as two private dining rooms. The restaurant’s name is yet to be determined.

About Western & Southern Financial Group

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