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Grand Hotel to Open “Sadie’s Ice Cream Parlor” Proudly Serving Hudsonville Ice Cream

Mackinac Island, Michigan – Grand Hotel will welcome its 127th season on Mackinac Island with the grand opening of Sadie’s Ice Cream Parlor. Hudsonville Ice Cream, a Michigan-based company, has partnered with the hotel to become the exclusive ice cream served at Grand Hotel, including Sadie’s, the hotel’s dining rooms and its five restaurants on Mackinac Island.

Sadie’s Ice Cream Parlor is named after the Westminster Dog Show 2010 “Best in Show” winner, who is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Musser. The Musser family has owned Grand Hotel since 1933.

“Every year, we look at Grand Hotel’s services and amenities and explore new ways to enhance our guests’ experience,” said R.D. (Dan) Musser III, president of Grand Hotel. “As Grand Hotel is deep-rooted in American tradition, so are classic ice cream parlors, which made the addition of Sadie’s a perfect fit. And, we are happy to be working with a Michigan-based business on this new venture.”

The ceremonial grand opening celebration for Sadie’s will take place on June 1, when Grand Hotel is host to the Council of Great Lakes Governors conference. Michigan Governor Rick Snyder will join the Mussers and representatives from Hudsonville Ice Cream in a ribbon-

cutting ceremony, after which Grand Hotel will provide free ice cream to visitors for the remainder of the day.

Sadie's Ice Cream Parlor will be located near the east entrance of the hotel off of Cadotte Avenue, where Margaret's Garden was formerly located. Sadie's is open to all Mackinac Island guests, and for those who are not staying at Grand Hotel, the hotel admission charge does not apply. The renovation includes a redesigned entrance to both Sadie's and the east end of the hotel. Margaret's Garden has moved to a new location within the hotel.

Carleton Varney of Dorothy Draper & Company in New York, who is the interior designer for Grand Hotel, designed Sadie's Ice Cream Parlor so that fans of all ages can expect a classic ice cream parlor setting with traditional café tables and chairs and Grand Hotel's signature design aesthetic. Café tables with white marble tops and café chairs will feature twisted iron and a white and silver finish with a light dry brushing of gold. Outside, ice cream fans can sit on benches designed of the same twisted iron with aqua blue oval backs and 3D ice cream cones painted in chocolate brown, vanilla and pink. Small café tables with black marble tops will also be outside. Newly built stone stairs and a handicap accessible ramp will lead to Sadie's and the hotel's east entrance. Hudsonville Ice Cream management also shared their expertise regarding the layout of Sadie's.

Grand Hotel is continually recognized for the quality of its hospitality. It is listed again in 2012 as one of *Travel & Leisure* magazine's Top 500 Hotels in the World and has been named a winner of the Michigan AAA Four Diamond Award for the 19th consecutive year. Condé Nast Traveler ranked it one of its top five Midwest resorts and Grand Hotel received the Trip Advisor 2012 Certificate of Excellence.

Grand Hotel, the world's largest summer hotel, has been one of America's premier summer vacation spots since it opened on July 10, 1887 to receive summer vacationers who arrived by lake steamer or by rail.

Grand Hotel is located on Mackinac Island, Michigan where there are no motorized vehicles and the island is only accessible by ferry or airplane. The hotel is open from the first weekend in May through the end of October. The 385-room hotel is a National Historic Landmark and a proud member of Historic Hotels of America.

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