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Winners of the 2019 Aces of Finance unveiled and Homage Award presented to Michael Hanley, honouring his career

MONTREAL, May 9, 2019 — The winners of this year's **Aces of Finance** competition were unveiled last night before 400 financial executives gathered for this major annual celebration. For the occasion, the [Quebec Chapter of FEI Canada](#), an all-industry professional association for senior financial executives, had prepared a magnificent gala evening at the **Parquet situated in the Édifice Jacques-Parizeau**. The unveiling took place in a festive spring ambiance where guests enjoyed an evening of fellowship, culinary delights and celebration.

The **Aces of Finance** competition is open to all chief financial officers, vice presidents of finance and financial executives across Quebec, whether members or non-members of FEI Canada.

Presided over by honorary chairperson **Claude Séguin, Chair of the Board of Directors, Fonds de solidarité FTQ**, the competition honoured the recipients of the 2019 Aces of Finance awards and highlighted their achievements for the benefit of all.

The following three financial executives were named as winners this year:

“Financial executive of a large corporation” category

- **François Boulanger**, CPA, CA
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, CGI

“Financial executive of a small or medium-sized enterprise” category

- **Johanne Bélanger**, CPA, CA
Chief Financial Officer, Solmax

“Emerging financial executive” category

- **Dominic Grimard**, CPA, CA
Vice President, Finance, Fiera Capital

“For the last nine years the **Aces of Finance** competition and gala have allowed us to bring together an impressive number of financial executives, strengthening the bonds of our community,” said Marc Godin, President of the Organizing Committee. “This unique event also has the effect of fanning the flame of our profession by presenting award-winning achievements and the nature of the challenges the winners had to overcome, inspiring us by their example and encouraging us to fulfill ourselves in our profession – a wonderful side effect.”

Catherine Allard, Chair of the Quebec Chapter of FEI Canada add's “From the candidacies received, we note the evolution of our profession over the years. It is clear that the competition brings together today a wider range of specific skills, consistent with changes in the enterprises in which the profession itself is evolving. It would also appear that there is a strong new

generation of executives and that we're witnessing an increase in the number of women in the profession – a situation we can be very proud of, offering hope that equality is possible.”

Gala photos and winner information sheets available – see details at end of press release

The Homage Award: an honour of excellence for an outstanding financial executive

Also during the gala, the prestigious **Aces of Finance Homage Award** was presented to **Michael Hanley**. This award is presented each year to a financial executive who has demonstrated longstanding career achievement. Mr. Hanley's list of accomplishments includes key financial executive positions at such renowned organizations as National Bank of Canada, Alcan, Bauxite and Alumina, Gaz Métro and St. Laurent Paperboard. Today, Mr. Hanley is a corporate director, sitting on the boards of BRP, Industrial Alliance Insurance & Financial Services and Shawcor, as well as chairing their audit committees.

The Quebec Chapter of FEI Canada would like to thank all the candidates who took the time to submit their candidacy for the **Aces of Finance** competition, and it salutes the dynamism and vitality of the financial executive profession. The competition will be back in 2020 for our 10th anniversary year.

The gala of the Quebec Chapter of FEI Canada's **Aces of Finance** is made possible by the collaboration of our [valued partners](#), whom we would like to thank: Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec, Mandrake Vézina Lebeau, Ordre des CPA du Québec, PwC and La Presse +.

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Note: Gala photos will be available from 11 am

To access the winner information sheets and gala photos, copy and paste the following link in your browser:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/6kvrntlglxibg80/AAASNcqjwrhEOnjy5dfePGXXa?dl=0>

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