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**THE 2020 “ACES OF FINANCE”  
COMPETITION IS OPEN**

**MONTREAL, September 12, 2019** — The [Quebec Chapter of FEI Canada](#) is proud to present the 10th edition of its prestigious competition, the **Aces of Finance**. All financial executives working in Quebec, whether members or non-members, are invited to submit their nominations for this year’s awards. Created in 2011, the **Aces of Finance** competition aims to recognize the professional achievements and community involvement of outstanding Quebec financial executives.

Nominations will be accepted until **February 17, 2020**. The names of the winners will be revealed at the 10th anniversary gala on **May 6, 2020**. The competition rules and nomination form are available on the FEI Canada/Quebec Chapter website. The association reminds everyone that the Quebec Chapter of FEI Canada is the all-industry professional membership association for senior financial executives in Quebec.

**Categories**

The **Aces of Finance** competition comprises three categories:

- **Financial executive of a large corporation** – Revenues of more than \$500M and/or over 1,000 employees. The candidate must have occupied this position for at least two (2) years.
- **Financial executive of a small or medium-sized enterprise** – The candidate must have occupied this position for at least two (2) years.
- **Emerging financial executive** – The candidate must be 40 years old or younger **at the deadline for submitting nomination forms** and must not be the principal financial officer of his/her company. The candidate may report to the CFO and be in the role of a Vice-President/ Finance, Treasurer, Controller, etc.

**Why participate?**

Because the career of a corporate finance executive involves working in an ever-changing and demanding economic environment, and being nominated in the **Aces of Finance** competition is an indelible way to honour one’s accomplishments.

“It was an honour to have won the Emerging Financial Executive award in 2016. The Quebec Chapter of FEI Canada made a good prediction in giving me this award, because shortly after, I was appointed Vice-President of Finance and CFO at CAE. This recognition and the activities organized by the Quebec Chapter of FEI Canada helped me build strong ties with many industry professionals.” — Sonya Branco, CPA, CA, MBA, Vice-President Finance and Chief Financial Officer, CAE Inc.

“The outstanding recognition and visibility that the Quebec Chapter of FEI Canada provides to each finalist remains a great source of pride for me, my fellow professionals and my employer Ovivo, for whom my nomination is seen as a team success over the past few years.” — Pierre-Marc Sarrazin, M.Sc., CFA, Vice-President, Corporate Finance and Treasurer at Ovivo.

## Jury

As in past years, an independent jury, comprising five high-profile professionals who have distinguished themselves throughout their careers and possess many years of experience in the financial and business community, has been selected.

- President: Suzanne Rancourt, CPA, CGA, IAS.A., Corporate Director
- Lise Croteau, FCPA, FCA, ASC, Corporate Director
- Katya Laviolette, CRIA, Chief People Officer, SSENSE
- Sylvain J. Perron, CPA, CA, President, Santé Dix30
- François Thibault, CFA, M.Sc., Executive Vice-President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Metro Inc.

## Macky Tall, Honorary Chairperson

For the competition's 10th anniversary, **Macky Tall**, Head of Liquid Markets at Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec and President and Chief Executive Officer of CDPQ Infra, has graciously agreed to be this year's honorary chairperson. Mr. Tall has had an exceptional career path. He is currently leading the largest public transit project in Quebec of the last 50 years – the Réseau express métropolitain (REM). Since joining the Caisse in 2004, Mr. Tall has actively contributed to the implementation of a business model focused on strategic partnerships with the largest infrastructure operators in the world, in many key sectors such as renewable energy, transportation, energy distribution, airports and ports. This approach enabled the Caisse to build a portfolio valued at over CAD\$20 billion. Mr. Tall previously held several senior management positions at Hydro-Québec, MEG International, Novergaz and Probyn & Company. He is a member of the infrastructure advisory board of the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada (DFATD). He has also been co-chair of the Advisory Committee of the Global Infrastructure Facility of the World Bank.

## Quote

"It is with great pride that we mark the 10th anniversary of our Aces of Finance competition. The profession has evolved in the last ten years and it is thanks to the finalists and winners who have accepted their awards, before their peers, that we have been able to contribute to this same evolution. The gesture of accepting this prestigious award has shone the spotlight on and given visibility to the excellence of our professionals, paving the way for the next generation," said Catherine Allard, President of the Quebec Chapter of FEI Canada. "Today, we can count on a dynamic new generation in our universities and businesses, which includes more and more women who are taking on stimulating challenges in our field. In fact, in the last three years of the competition, women have made up one third of all winners."

## 2020 Homage Award

At the gala on May 6, 2020, the Quebec Chapter of FEI Canada will also be awarding its **Aces of Finance Homage Award** to a financial executive who has had a distinguished career. The 2020 recipient of this prestigious award is **Louis-Philippe Carrière**, FCPA, FCA, who worked at Saputo Inc. for over 30 years before retiring in 2017. Since then, he has been serving on the Saputo Board of Directors and as Senior Advisor to the company. Having joined the group in 1986, Mr. Carrière's journey at Saputo has been a long one. During his career, he held various management positions in finance and administration. As Chief Financial Officer, from 1996 to 2017, he helped formulate growth strategies and developed the company's financial strategy. Mr. Carrière holds a bachelor's degree in management from the École des Hautes Études Commerciales de Montréal and has been a member of the Ordre des comptables professionnels agréés du Québec (Québec CPA Order) since 1985. He was appointed Fellow of the Ordre des comptables professionnels agréés du Québec in 2007. He also sits on the Board of WSP Inc. and chairs their audit committee.

The recipient of the **Homage Award** is chosen by the Board of Directors of the Quebec Chapter of FEI Canada and the members of the competition's organizing committee, which is made up of:

- *Chair*: Marc Godin, MBA, CFA, Chief Financial Officer, NorthStar

- Catherine Beauchemin, M.Sc., CFA, Senior Director, Private Equity, Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec
- Normand Lebeau, President, Mandrake Vézina Lebeau
- Dany Lehoux, MBA, Senior Director, Business Development, PwC
- Murielle Lortie, CPA, CA, Chief Financial Officer, Prometic Life Sciences Inc.
- Marrouane Nabih, CPA, CMA, Chief Financial Officer, CCM Hockey
- Monica Rocheleau, Managing Director, FEI Canada, Quebec Chapter

**Key dates:**

- The deadline for submitting nomination forms is **February 17, 2020**.
- The names of the finalists will be announced on **April 6, 2020**.
- The names of the winners will be revealed at a gala event to be held on **May 6, 2020** at the Parquet at Édifice Jacques-Parizeau in Montreal.

**About Financial Executives International Canada (FEI Canada)**

Financial Executives International Canada (FEI Canada) is the leading voice and informed choice for senior financial executives across the country. With 12 chapters and 1,600+ members, FEI Canada provides professional development, networking opportunities, thought leadership and advocacy services to its members. The association membership consists of senior level financial executives spanning various industries, functions and disciplines, representing a significant number of Canada's leading and most influential corporations. For more information, please visit <https://www.feicanada.org/AS2020> or follow us on [LinkedIn](#).

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