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12th Edition of “Aces of Finance” Competition The Quebec Chapter of FEI Canada Launches Nomination Period

MONTREAL, November 25, 2021 — The Quebec Chapter of FEI Canada is proud to announce the return of the 12th edition of the distinguished Aces of Finance competition. Financial executives working in Quebec are invited to submit their application today. Created in 2011, the competition aims to recognize the professional achievements and community involvement of outstanding Quebec financial executives.

“The financial community has been deeply affected by the pandemic and our teams will be key players in the economic recovery, as companies seek to build the Quebec of tomorrow,” says Martin Lebeau, MBA, CPA, CA, Chief Financial Officer, Accedian, and new president of the Quebec Chapter of FEI Canada. “This major competition is an opportunity to highlight the work and efforts of executives who have distinguished themselves during this pivotal period.”

Nominations will be accepted until midnight on **February 15, 2022**. Finalists will be announced on **April 5, 2022**, and winners will be revealed during the Aces of Finance Gala on **May 4, 2022**, at Édifice Jacques-Parizeau. Competition rules, as well as the nomination form are available on the [FEI Canada website under the Quebec section](#).

The Aces of Finance competition comprises three categories:

- **Financial executive of a large corporation** — Revenues of more than \$500M 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 of age 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.

A Committed Jury

For the third consecutive year, the competition welcomes the same jury. This independent jury is composed of professionals with many years of experience in the field of finance and business:

- Suzanne Rancourt, CPA, CGA, ICD.D, Corporate Director (Chair)
- Lise Croteau, FCPA, FCA, ASC, Corporate Director
- Katya Laviolette, CRIA, Chief People Officer, Prodigy Education
- Sylvain J. Perron, CPA, CA, President, Clinique Santé Dix30

- François Thibault, CFA, M.Sc., Executive Vice-President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Metro

Guy Cormier, Honorary President of the Competition

Mr. Guy Cormier, President and Chief Executive Officer of Desjardins Group, has assumed the role of Honorary President of the competition for its 12th edition. As an exceptional leader, he began his career at Desjardins in 1992, and rose through the ranks to become President and Chief Executive Officer in 2016. His vision, anchored on members and clients, and his emphasis on innovation, people, and communities are his trademark within the company. He has breathed new life into the organization by supporting structuring initiatives, such as the creation of the GoodSpark Fund and by accelerating its digital transformation. Mr. Cormier is very involved with youth and became the first Academos sponsor in 2020 and acts as a mentor to young people.

Laurence Sellyn, Recipient of the 2022 Homage Award

The Aces of Finance Homage Award is presented by the Quebec Chapter of FEI Canada to a financial leader who has distinguished themselves throughout their career. This award will be presented at the May 4th gala. The 2022 recipient of this award is Mr. Laurence Sellyn, who was Chief Financial and Administrative Officer of Gildan Activewear Inc. for 16 years before retiring from this position at the end of 2015. Previously during his career, Mr. Sellyn served as Corporate Controller of Domtar Inc. and as Chief Financial Officer of Wajax Inc. Since retiring from Gildan, Mr. Sellyn has continued to pursue an active career in business. He acts as Lead Director of Loop Industries, and plays a mentorship and advisory role with the CEOs of other companies. He has served on the board of Cascades Inc., in addition to being a Director of Heritage Montreal and other charitable and cultural organizations. Mr. Sellyn is a UK Chartered Accountant and holds an MA in Modern Languages and Literature from Oxford University. He won Canadian Business Magazine's CFO of the Year award in 2005.

The recipient of the Homage Award is chosen by the members of 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:

- Marc Godin, MBA, CFA, Chief Financial Officer, Northstar (Chair)
- Évelyne Blain, CPA, CMA, Director, Business Development, Quebec CPA Order
- François Boulanger, CPA, CA, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, CGI
- Vincent Dunberry, CPA, CA, CBV, Senior Associate, Private Equity, CDPQ
- Mathieu Hébert, CPA, CA, Treasurer, TC Transcontinental
- Normand Lebeau, President, Mandrake Vézina Lebeau
- Dany Lehoux, MBA, Senior Director, Business Development, PwC
- Frédéric Palaez, B.ENG, MBA, CRM, FCIP, R.I.B. (ONT), Managing Partner - Montreal office, BFL Canada
- Monica Rocheleau, General Manager, FEI Canada, Quebec Chapter

We would like to thank our generous sponsors, who make the Aces of Finance competition and the winners' gala possible: **BFL Canada, PwC, Mandrake Vézina Lebeau, Ordre des CPA Order du Québec, and CDPQ.**

About Financial Executives International Canada (FEI Canada)

Financial Executives International Canada (FEI Canada) is a professional association of **senior level financial executives** spanning various industries with over 1,100 members and 12 regional chapters across Canada.

The **Quebec Chapter** is the only association in the province that caters exclusively to senior level managers and chief financial officers in a variety of industries. The association offers its 200 members a unique opportunity to exchange and network with professionals who share and understand their reality and issues. It also allows them to develop professionally, whether through expert conferences and workshops, and to pass on their expertise to the next generation through the new mentorship program. The profession is also celebrated, notably at the annual awards ceremony: The Aces of Finance.

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