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Winners of the 2022 Aces of Finance Competition Announced and Mr. Laurence Sellyn Receives the Prestigious Homage Award

MONTREAL, May 5, 2022 — The Quebec Chapter of FEI Canada is pleased to announce the winners of the 12th edition of the Aces of Finance competition. For the first time in two years, the winners were revealed at an in-person gala that brought together over 340 senior financial executives. This night of celebration, which highlights the professional achievements and community involvement of Quebec's outstanding chief financial officers, was held with Mr. Guy Cormier, President and Chief Executive Officer of Desjardins Group, as honorary chair.

The three 2022 winners are:

“Financial executive of a large corporation” category

Mélissa Gilbert, ASC, FCPA, FCA, Executive Vice President and Leader – Financial Affairs, Beneva

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

Ingy Sarraf, MBA, PPCC, CPA, CA, Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary, GURU Energy Bio

“Emerging financial executive” category

Ines Gbegan, CPA, CA, Vice-President Finance Quebec and Maritimes, Transdev Canada

“It is a great pleasure to finally be able to come together to celebrate not only the exceptional leaders who were honoured this evening, but also all the finalists of the 12th edition”, notes Martin Lebeau, MBA, CPA, CA, Chief Financial Officer, Accedian, and President of the Quebec Chapter of FEI Canada. “The success of the Aces of Finance competition and the scope it has taken over the years is a reflection of the rigour, passion, and excellence of hundreds of senior executives in the financial sector who contribute to enriching and promoting the profession every day. Quebec's new generation of financial professionals is made up of remarkable members!”

Presentation of the 2022 Homage Award

The prestigious Aces of Finance Homage Award, presented annually to a senior financial executive whose distinguished career deserves to be recognized, was awarded to Mr. Laurence Sellyn at last night's gala. Before retiring in 2015, Mr. Sellyn served as Gildan Activewear Inc's Senior Vice President, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer, for 16 years. Since then, he has been advising business leaders and holding the position of director at Loop Industries. During his

career, Mr. Sellyn also worked at Domtar Inc. and Wajax Inc., and served on the boards of Cascades Inc., Heritage Montreal. Recipient of the 2005 CFO of the Year Award from Canadian Business Magazine, his altruism and dedication have made him a pillar of Quebec's financial industry.

The Quebec Chapter of FEI Canada thanks all those who submitted their application to this year's Aces of Finance competition. We salute the drive, leadership, and resilience that characterize the profession of CFO. Mark your calendars, applications for the competition's 2023 edition will open in November 2022.

We would like to thank our valued sponsors, without whom the Aces of Finance competition and the gala would not be possible: **BFL CANADA**, the **CDPQ**, **Mandrake Vézina Lebeau**, the **Quebec CPA Order**, **PwC** and **La Presse**. We are also grateful to our sponsors and partners who allow the Quebec Chapter of FEI Canada to carry out all of its activities.

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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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