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CALL FOR CANDIDACIES OPENS FOR 2019 ACES OF FINANCE COMPETITION

MONTREAL, November 22, 2018 — On the occasion of its annual forum and the 70th anniversary of FEI Canada, [The Quebec Chapter of FEI Canada](#), an all-industry professional membership association for senior financial executives, is delighted to open the call for candidacies for its prestigious **Aces of Finance** competition. Quebec financial executives have until **February 11, 2019** to submit their nominations. The association reminds everyone that the competition is open to all member and non-member executives working in Quebec. The competition rules and the nomination form are available on the [FEI Canada](#) Quebec Chapter website.

Created nine years ago, the **Aces of Finance** competition aims to recognize the professional achievements and community involvement of outstanding Quebec financial executives.

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 within the company for at least two (2) years.
- **Financial executive of a small or medium-sized enterprise** – The candidate must have occupied this position within the company 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.

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 Human Resources Officer, TC Transcontinental
- Sylvain J. Perron, CPA, CA, President, Santé Dix30
- François Thibault, CFA, M.Sc., Executive Vice-President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Metro Inc.

Honorary chairperson

The honorary chairperson of this year's competition will be **Mr. Claude Séguin, Chair of the Board of Directors, Fonds de solidarité FTQ**. Mr. Séguin's career has been an impressive one. Working at **Groupe CGI** from 2003 to 2018, he held several key positions, such as Senior Vice-President, Mergers and Acquisitions, Special Advisor to the Founder and Executive Chairman of the company's

board. Prior to this, Mr. Séguin served as President of CDP Capital – Private Equity at Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec. From 1992 to 2000, he served as Executive Vice-President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer at **Tele globe**. Between 1977 and 1992, Mr. Séguin also held a variety of key roles for the Quebec government, including that of Deputy Minister at the Finance Ministry and Director of Planning for the Treasury Board.

Quote

“For the past nine years now, the **Aces of Finance** competition has been a vital tool in recognizing and raising the profile of executives and the Quebec organizations they represent. Although the competition aims to shine a spotlight on the talent and achievements of participating financial executives, it has also been extremely effective in showcasing the corporate culture of participating enterprises and saluting the profession’s dynamism within the Quebec business community,” said Ms. Catherine Allard, President of the Quebec Chapter of FEI Canada.

2019 Homage Award

At the gala on May 8, 2019, 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 2019 recipient of this prestigious award is **Mr. Michael Hanley**, Corporate Director. He sits on the Boards of BRP, Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services, and Shawcor, and chairs their audit committees. Mr. Hanley has in the past held a senior leadership position at National Bank of Canada, as Senior Vice-President, Operations and Strategic Initiatives. In addition, he held a number of positions at Alcan Inc., including that of member of the Office of the President and CEO, of Executive Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer, and of President and Chief Executive Officer of the international Bauxite and Alumina business group. He was also Chief Financial Officer of two other Canadian public companies, namely Gaz Métro and St. Laurent Paperboard Inc. Mr. Hanley is a chartered accountant and has been a member of the Ordre des comptables professionnels agréés du Québec (CPA, CA) since 1987. He has recently become a volunteer director on the Board of the Institute of Corporate Directors, Quebec Chapter.

The name of the winner of the 2019 Homage Award will be announced today at the Financial Executive Forum taking place at Marché Bonsecours in Montreal, before more than 200 members and guests.

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:

- *President:* Marc Godin, MBA, CFA, Managing Director, Cheverny Capital
- Catherine Beauchemin, M.Sc., CFA, Director, Investments, 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, Vice-President of Finance, Prometic Sciences de la vie
- Marrouane Nabih, CPA, CMA, Vice-President of Finance, Operations, Cascade
- Monica Rocheleau, General Manager, FEI Canada, Quebec Chapter

Key dates:

- The deadline for submitting nomination forms is **February 11, 2019**.
- The names of the finalists will be announced on **April 8, 2019**.
- The names of the winners will be revealed at a gala event to be held on **May 8, 2019** at the Parquet at Édifice Jacques-Parizeau in Montreal.

About Financial Executives International Canada (FEI Canada)

Financial Executives International Canada (FEI Canada) or Dirigeants financiers internationaux du Canada (DFI Canada) is an all-industry professional association for senior financial executives

counting 11 chapters across Canada. This year, Financial Executives International (FEI) will celebrate its 70th anniversary. It provides professional development, thought leadership and advocacy services to its members.

The Quebec Chapter currently has more than 200 members. The association's membership, which consists of chief financial officers, audit committee directors and senior financial executives, controllers, treasurers and tax advisors, represents a significant number of Canada's leading and most influential corporations. Further information can be found at www.feicanada.org/quebec.

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