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Nominations for the 11th Edition of “ACES OF FINANCE” Competition is Now Open

MONTREAL, November 26, 2020 — The 11th edition of the prestigious Aces of Finance competition, launched by the [Quebec Chapter of FEI Canada](#) as part of the Financial Leadership Forum, is now open to financial executives working in Quebec. Created in 2011, the Aces of Finance competition aims to recognize the professional achievements and community involvement of outstanding Quebec financial executives.

"Finance teams make essential contributions to effectively and efficiently support businesses with their planning, decision-making and major corporate transformations. Financial executives have played key roles in strategic coaching, especially during the COVID-19 crisis," says Catherine Allard, President of the Quebec Chapter of FEI Canada. "This is why we feel it's important to continue highlighting their achievements this year."

Nominations will be accepted until midnight on **February 16, 2021** and winners will be announced on **May 5, 2021**. Competition rules and regulations, 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 small or medium-sized enterprise** — The candidate must have occupied this position for at least two (2) years.
- **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.
- **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 Dedicated Jury

For the second consecutive year, the competition welcomes the members of the jury from the 2020 edition, all of which who have extensive experience in the field of finance and business:

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

Guy LeBlanc, Honorary Chairperson

Mr. Guy LeBlanc, President and Chief Executive Officer of Investissement Québec will be the honorary Chairperson of the 11th edition of the contest. A seasoned senior executive, he has worked with

PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) for more than 35 years. He is a graduate of HEC Montréal, with an honorary degree from the Université de Montréal and an ICD.D designation from the Institute of Corporate Directors; he is also a Fellow of the Ordre des comptables professionnels agréés du Québec (FCPA). Mr. LeBlanc has served on numerous boards of directors, including those of Canam Group, Goodfood Market Inc., The Lion Electric Co., Groupe Meloche, ATIS Group and Montréal International.

Claude Mongeau, Recipient of the 2021 Homage Award

The Aces of Finance Homage Award, which recognizes the work of a financial leader who has distinguished themselves throughout their career, will be presented to Mr. Claude Mongeau, Corporate Director across many boards, at the awards ceremony. Mr. Mongeau worked at CN for 22 years, where he held the position of Chief Financial Officer for 11 years and Chief Executive Officer for six and a half years. Mr. Mongeau holds a BA in Psychology from the Université du Québec and an MBA from McGill University. He currently serves on the boards of Norfolk Southern Corporation, Cenovus and TD Bank. In 2005, he won FEI Canada's Canadian Chief Financial Officer of the Year Award.

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)
- François Boulanger, CPA, CA, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, CGI
- Vincent Dunberry, CPA, CA, CBV, Senior Manager, Private Placements, Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec
- Mathieu Hébert, CPA, CA, Treasurer, TC Transcontinental
- Normand Lebeau, President, Mandrake Vézina Lebeau
- Dany Lehoux, MBA, Senior Director, Business Development, PwC
- Nathalie Mignault, Assistant Director, Relationship Marketing and Partnerships, Ordre des CPA du Québec
- Monica Rocheleau, General Manager, FEI Canada, Quebec Chapter

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Financial Executives International Canada (FEI Canada) is the leading voice and informed choice for senior level financial executives across the country with 1,600 plus members and 12 regional chapters. 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.

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 that will be launched in the near future. The profession is also celebrated, notably at the annual awards ceremony: Aces of Finance.

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