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**Winners of the 11th Annual “ACES OF FINANCE” Competition Announced
and
Mr. Claude Mongeau Receives the Prestigious Homage Award**

MONTREAL, May 6, 2021 — The [Quebec Chapter of FEI Canada](#) is pleased to announce the winners of the 11th edition of The Aces of Finance competition. The winners were revealed last night at a virtual gala that brought together close to 275 members and non-members of FEI Canada. Under the honorary chairmanship of Mr. Guy Leblanc, President and CEO of Investissement Québec, the festivities recognized Chief Financial Officers, Finance Vice-Presidents and Financial Officers from Quebec.

"The success of this virtual gala showcases the resilience of financial executives who wish to continue to network, grow and inspire each other despite the current circumstances," says Marc Godin, President of the Organizing Committee. "I am proud to have contributed, with the support of the entire organizing committee, to our first virtual event, which enabled us to continue to celebrate the successes of exceptional leaders in the financial field. Our winners have faced many important and unexpected challenges this year and I am happy to see that our community is more united than ever!"

"For more than ten years, the Quebec Chapter of FEI Canada has honoured financial executives who have contributed to the success not only of their organization, but also to the entire Quebec business community," said Catherine Allard, President of the Quebec Section of FEI Canada. "Our profession is constantly evolving and the superior calibre of applicants that we had to choose from confirms that professionals in the financial industry are ready to face the challenges of this exceptional time and will continue to play an increasingly strategic role in Quebec's future."

Here are the three 2021 winners:

“Financial executive of a large corporation” category

- Maarika Paul, FCPA, FCA, CBV, ICD.D - Executive Vice-President and Chief Financial and Operations Officer, CDPQ

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

- Alexandre Hébert-Charbonneau, CPA, CA - Vice-President Finance, Balcan Plastics

“Emerging financial executive” category

- Isabelle Thooris, CPA, CA - Senior Director, Finance and Global Corporate Controller, Lightspeed

Presentation of the 2021 Homage Award

During the virtual event, the prestigious Aces of Finance Homage Award, highlighting the remarkable career of a financial leader, was awarded to Mr. Claude Mongeau, now Corporate Director across many boards. With 11 years of experience as Chief Financial Officer and six and a half years as President and CEO of CN, Mr. Mongeau currently sits on the boards of directors of Norfolk Southern Corporation, Cenovus Energy and TD Bank. Known for his great humanity, he holds a BA in Psychology from the Université du Québec and an MBA from McGill University. Emotions ran high last night as a career video featuring Mr. Mongeau's exceptional impact on his peers was presented.

Looking Back on the Last Decade

Since 2011, nearly a hundred finance leaders in Quebec have been recognized thanks to the Aces of Finance competition. A retrospective on the winners of the past decade was presented, granting attendees an opportunity to remember - or discover - them. Celebrating, well-deserving previous winners serves to underline the enduring importance of this competition, which impacts the Quebec financial ecosystem each year.

The Quebec Chapter of FEI Canada thanks all those who submitted their application to this year's Aces of Finance competition. We salute the dynamism and vitality that characterize the profession of CFO. The competition will be back in 2022 for its 12th edition, and the application process will open in November 2021.

The Aces of Finance 2021 competition and gala event are made possible thanks to the collaboration of sponsors whom we dearly thank: **Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec, Mandrake Vézina Lebeau, Ordre des CPA du Québec, PwC and La Presse**. We also wish to express our gratitude towards all our [generous sponsors](#), thanks to whom the Quebec Chapter of FEI Canada's activities can be made a reality.

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Financial Executives International Canada (FEI Canada) or Dirigeants financiers internationaux du Canada (DFI Canada) is the leading voice and informed choice for senior level financial executives across the country with close to 1,500 members and 12 regional chapters.

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 nearly 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 through expert conferences and workshops, and to pass on their expertise to the next generation with the new mentorship program launching soon. The profession is also celebrated, at the annual Aces of Finance awards ceremony. For more information, please visit www.feicanada.org or follow us on [LinkedIn](#).

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