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Finalists Unveiling of the 11th Edition of “THE ACES OF FINANCE” Competition

MONTREAL, March 29, 2021 — The [Quebec Chapter of FEI Canada](#), a cross-sectorial professional association of senior executives in Finance, announces today the finalists for its prestigious 2021 The Aces of Finance competition. The competition recognizes the professional achievements and community commitment of outstanding financial executives in Quebec. Those selected have qualified in one of three categories and will undergo a rigorous evaluation process led by an independent jury who will determine the winners. The finalists and winners will be honoured during a virtual gala on May 5th.

“The role of CFOs is more relevant than ever in the uncertain economic environment we are now experiencing. We are very pleased to highlight their remarkable achievements and important contribution to Quebec society”, said Catherine Allard, President of the Quebec Chapter of FEI Canada. “The 2021 Aces of Finance competition and its virtual gala represent an opportunity for us to draw inspiration from these achievements and a networking opportunity to recover together from the crisis.”

The 2021 finalists are:

“Financial executive of a large corporation” category

- Philippe Adam, CPA, CA, CBV - Chief Financial Officer, Goodfood Market
- Jean-Claude Dugas, CPA, CA - Chief Financial Officer, LOGISTEC Corporation
- Maarika Paul, FCPA, FCA, CBV, ICD.D - Executive Vice-President and Chief Financial and Operations Officer, Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec

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

- Alexandre Hébert-Charbonneau, CPA, CA - Vice-President Finance, Balcan Plastics
- Luc Gagnon, CPA, CA - Vice-President Finance, Spiria Digital
- Jean-Michel Vanier, CPA, CA - Vice-President Finance, Les Fermes Lufa

“Emerging financial executive” category

- Jean-Philippe D. Lachance, CFA - Vice-President, Corporate Finance & Treasurer, Dollarama
- Alexandre Mailhot, CPA, CA - Vice-President Finance, Banking Services and Financial Performance, Desjardins Group
- Isabelle Thooris, CPA, CA - Senior Director, Finance and Global Corporate Controller, Lightspeed

A virtual gala to celebrate Finance Executives

Under the honorary chairmanship of Mr. Guy LeBlanc, President and CEO of Investissement Québec: an inaugural virtual gala celebration. During the festivities, the finalists will be presented, and an exclusive announcement will be made to reveal the three winners. As it is now the 11th edition of the competition, the evening will include a review of the last decade, with its 30 winners and nine Homage Award recipients - a tradition implemented during the second edition. Although the gala will be virtual this year, the atmosphere will not be less celebratory! The event will take place on **May 5**, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. To find out about pricing and reserve a ticket or a virtual corporate table, please visit the FEI Canada website, [Quebec Chapter](#).

Presentation of the 2021 Homage Award

The virtual gala on May 5 will present the Aces of Finance Homage Award, which recognizes the work of a financial leader who has distinguished themselves throughout their career. This year, the award will be presented to Mr. Claude Mongeau, Corporate Director across many boards. 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 Energy and TD Bank. Also, Mr. Mongeau was named "Canada's CFO of the Year™" by FEI Canada in 2005.

The Aces of Finance 2021 competition and gala event are made possible thanks to the collaboration of [generous sponsors](#), whom we dearly thank: **Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec, Mandrake Vézina Lebeau, Ordre des CPA du Québec, PwC and La Presse.**

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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 1,600 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.

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