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Names announced of finalists in the **2018 Aces of Finance** competition

MONTREAL, February 27, 2018 — The [Quebec Chapter of FEI Canada](#), an all-industry professional association for senior financial executives, is proud to announce the names of the nine finalists in its 2018 **Aces of Finance** competition. As in past years, the participants were able to submit their candidacies in three categories: **Financial executive of a large corporation**, **Financial executive of a small or medium-sized enterprise** and **Emerging financial executive**. The finalists will be assessed by an independent jury who will select the winners following an interview with each candidate.

From among all the candidacies received, the 2018 finalists by category are:

“Financial executive of a large corporation” category

- **Nathalie Bernier**, FCPA, FCA, Senior Vice President, Strategic and Business Planning and Chief Financial Officer, PSP Investments
- **Manon Lacroix**, CPA auditor, CA, Vice President Finance, Chief Financial Officer and Secretary, Lantic Inc./Rogers Sugar Inc.
- **Michael Rea**, CPA, CMA, MBA, Vice President of Finance, Bristol-Myers Squibb Canada Co.

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

- **Louis-Georges Gauvin**, CPA CA, MBA, Chief Financial Officer, Eddyfi Technologies
- **Lester Fernandes**, B.Sc., MBA, ALM, PG Dipl., Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Pivotal Payments
- **Elif Lévesque**, CPA, CGA, MBA, Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer, Osisko Gold Royalties Ltd.

“Emerging financial executive” category

- **Neil Cuggy**, Co-Founder, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer, GoodFood
- **J.P. Towner**, Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer, Pomerleau
- **Érika Tremblay-Gagnon**, CPA CA, M.Sc., Senior Director of Finance, Stingray Digital Group Inc.

Shining a spotlight on the finance profession

Presided over by honorary chairperson **Mr. Michael Denham**, President and CEO of BDC, the competition was open to all chief financial officers, vice presidents of finance and senior financial executives across Quebec. The **Aces of Finance** competition aims to identify and recognize the professional achievements and community engagement of outstanding financial executives. It also underlines the vital role they play within their organization and their strategic contribution to its success.

“Every year I’m impressed by the quality of the candidacies submitted to our competition. I’m particularly proud of how well the **Aces of Finance** competition, since its inception, has been able to shine a spotlight on the key role our executives play in the senior management of Quebec businesses,” said Mr. Louis Marcotte, Chair of the Quebec Chapter of FEI Canada. “For us, this competition does much more than provide professional recognition and a window into the profession... it’s about bringing together a community with a common passion for finance,” said Mr. Marcotte.

2018 Homage Award

At the gala evening on May 9, the Quebec Chapter of FEI Canada will be presenting its **Aces of Finance Homage Award** to **Mr. Robert Blain**, FCPA, outgoing CFO at Cirque du Soleil and now Co-President of Groupe Lune Rouge. Mr. Blain has contributed to the growth of Cirque du Soleil as its Chief Financial Officer. For over 20 years, he has cultivated relationships with many prominent companies, such as MGM, Disney and Apple Corps (Beatles), as well as with the trustees of the Michael Jackson and Elvis Presley estates. His numerous distinctions acquired over the years make him an exceptional person.

A gala to celebrate our financial executives

The Quebec Chapter of FEI Canada has put together a very special gala evening. The highlights, of course, will be the showcasing of the finalists and the announcement of the three winners of the **2018 Aces of Finance** competition. This event will take place in Montreal on May 9 at the magnificent **Parquet in Centre CDP Capital**. Reserve your table for this major annual event. For more information regarding the gala evening and to reserve seats, visit the [Quebec Chapter](#) page of the FEI Canada website.

The Quebec Chapter of FEI Canada’s **Aces of Finance** gala is made possible by the collaboration of our valued partners, whom we would like to thank: Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec, Mandrake Vézina Lebeau, Ordre des CPA du Québec and PwC.

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. With 11 chapters across Canada, FEI Canada provides professional development, thought leadership and advocacy services to its members.

The Quebec Chapter currently has nearly 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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