



Press Release

TORONTO | December 6, 2021 - The WCM Awards recognize industry trailblazers who have demonstrated a commitment to accelerating equity, diversity, and creating an inclusive Canadian finance industry. Our award recipients have dedicated their work towards an inspiring future – a future of equality, stronger teams, improved businesses and new levels of prosperity for everyone. Congratulations to the 2021 recipients!

WCM Rising Star Award

The rising stars are high-performing, female professionals who have demonstrated excellence and are on the path to becoming future leaders in Canada's finance industry.

Nan Chen - OMERS

Brianne Gardner - Raymond James Ltd

Jenny Kletinich - RBC Capital Markets

Maryam Moshiri - CIBC

Janet Richardson - Manulife

WCM Award For Excellence in Innovation

Awarded to a group, department, or firm that has taken bold steps to improve equity, diversity and inclusion through a new and innovative approach.

Congratulations to TD Securities' Women in Leadership Committee Canada for fostering a culture of innovation and regularly creating new programming to continually push the boundaries of gender diversity and inclusion. These programs include: TD Talent Lab, Bridging the Gap Scholarship Program and University Mentorship Program, Achieving Your Potential Program, Leadership coaching sessions, and the Allyship Working Group.

Congratulations to Lindsay Patrick and Farnaz Shahed at RBC Capital Markets for their work on the Equality Fund - a ground-breaking collective that combines national and international gender-lens granting, multi-sector philanthropy and an innovative investment arm, to deliver new momentum for women's movements and support the advancement of gender equality in Canada and around the world.

WCM Transformational Leadership Award

Awarded to senior executives who have made a lasting contribution to gender diversity and inclusion at their firm and are driving organizational and cultural change with measurable impacts.

John Currie, Vice President & Head, Global Wholesale Operations (GWO), Asia Pacific, Scotiabank

Donna Valiquette, Chief Corporate Administrative Officer for Canada, Head of Human Resources for Canada, Head of Culture & Employee Experience for the Americas, MUFG Bank, Ltd.

WCM Outstanding Volunteer Award

Awarded to volunteers who have demonstrated impressive leadership and initiative, an elevated commitment to achieving equity, diversity and inclusion, all while far surpassing the typical expectations of a WCM volunteer.

Christina Carnovale, RBC Capital Markets - Co-Chair, WCM Calgary Steering Committee

Hannah Smerek, National Bank of Canada - Co-Chair, WCM Calgary Steering Committee

Christina and Hannah have shown dedication and innovation in growing membership in Calgary through active feedback from members. They have proven their ability to lead a committee with a foundation of trust, respect and collaboration.

Join the Celebration!

We encourage you to virtually join the celebration by:

1. Attending the [2021 WCM Awards Reception](#), a free event for members
2. Resharing celebratory posts from WCM Canada on social:
 - [LinkedIn](#)
 - [Instagram](#)
 - [Twitter](#)

3. Like, comment, and congratulate posts from recipients in your network.

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About WCM

We work to accelerate equity, diversity and inclusion in finance by building the industry's equity literacy, amplifying diverse talent, and uniting firms to drive change on an industry-level. As a not-for-profit founded in 1995, our community has grown to 3,500 professional and student members, and our initiatives have impacted the careers of countless students and professionals across the country. Support our movement towards equity and diversity in finance by joining WCM at wcm.ca/join.

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