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On behalf of the Government of Canada and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, it gives me great pleasure to welcome all the business leaders attending the sixth meeting of the Asia Business Leaders Advisory Council (ABLAC) in Singapore.

The theme and objectives for ABLAC 2023, "Mutual Interests & Collective Solutions: New Business Partnerships in a Changing World" aligns with Canada's objectives outlined in its new Indo-Pacific strategy which aims to amplify efforts to strengthen engagement with Asian economies that are driving the global economy. This high-level gathering in one of Asia's key financial hubs is the first in-person meeting since the pandemic, bringing together business leaders and influencers from across Canada and the Asia Pacific region to highlight business collaboration as a strategy to reset and reboot our economies during these uncertain times.

The world faced unprecedented challenges in 2022, including but not limited to the unacceptable invasion of Ukraine, natural disasters, and soaring inflation rates that have impacted the economic security of populations around the globe. These challenges, however, have intensified our government's resolve to work in partnership with like-minded global partners and in particular, our friends in Asia to find solutions for moving forward.

As Canada's Minister of International Trade, Export Promotion, Small Business, and Economic Development, my priority is to remain committed to supporting Canada's economic recovery efforts that are inclusive and sustainable. My focus will continue to be on growing and expanding Canadian businesses, both large and small, by encouraging and facilitating diversification into the global marketplace, including those in the dynamic Indo-Pacific region.

I am grateful for ABLAC's vision and leadership in continuing efforts to nurture vital economic relationships between Canada and the Asia Pacific that will result in mutual prosperity in the months and years to come.

I look forward to joining all of you in Singapore to engage in this important dialogue that will help to lay the groundwork for achieving a vibrant world economy.

Sincerely,

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The Honourable Mary Ng, P.C., M.P.





#### Dear ABLAC members,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the first in-person ABLAC meeting in four years, and the first since the release of Canada's long-awaited Indo-Pacific Strategy, a priority outlined by ABLAC members in previous meetings.

Singapore is a fitting location for this timely meeting. Not only is it a crucial hub within ASEAN and the broader Indo-Pacific region, it is also an increasingly important city for global trade and finance.

The theme for our meeting this year is *Mutual Interests & Collective Solutions: New Business Partnerships in a Changing World.* Countries in Asia are undergoing significant transformation. Our discussions will focus on the implications for Canada and its engagement with the region including:

- · New partnerships and national responses in a changing Asia
- New partnerships for business in an era of digital innovation
- · New partnerships for a sustainable energy transition

To be sure, Canada is not alone in seeking to expand and enhance economic ties with key markets in Asia and the Indo-Pacific. Other G7 countries, including the United States, are increasingly focusing their international efforts on the Indo-Pacific region. As a Pacific nation, it is more important than ever before for Canada to work closely with allies in the region to ensure we can all succeed in a changing world.

How should Canadian businesses take advantage of Canada's growing network of new and existing free trade agreements in the region? How can Canada better leverage its strong people-to-people ties in Indo-Pacific countries? What action do we need to take both at home and abroad to ensure our natural resources are shared with the Indo-Pacific – especially in support of a sustainable energy transition?

As chair, I look forward to our discussions this week at ABLAC and at the first Canada in Asia Conference to explore how we, as business leaders, can lead the charge to build stronger and more deliberate economic ties between Canada and the broader Indo-Pacific.

#### Goldy Hyder

ABLAC Chair, President and Chief Executive Officer, Business Council of Canada



On behalf of the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada and our Board of Directors, I am delighted to welcome you to the 6th Asia Business Leaders Advisory Council meeting, our first in-person meeting in four years. As we meet in Singapore at the end of most COVID-19 travel restrictions, I know you will all be as excited as I am to re-engage personally and share our experiences and insights.

Much has changed in the world since we convened virtually in 2021, including a devastating land war in Europe, an unnerving escalation in brinkmanship between the U.S. and China, a harrowing litany of worldwide natural disasters, growing economic uncertainty, and, of course, the long, slow recovery to a prepandemic global economy where goods, people, and ideas moved freely and unfettered.

Indeed, our Council has much to discuss, including the real-world implications of the Government of Canada's ambitious new Indo-Pacific Strategy. This 'generational' foreign policy document includes funding initiatives and long-term commitments of unprecedented scale and scope while identifying the region as "rapidly becoming the global centre of economic dynamism and strategic challenge" in a future world where "every issue that matters to Canadians will be shaped by the relationships Canada and its allies and partners have with Indo-Pacific countries."

With these considerations front of mind, this year, we will convene around the overarching theme, Mutual Interests & Collective Solutions: New Business Partnerships in a Changing World. Our discussions will be anchored in three thematic sessions: New Partnerships & National Responses in a Changing Asia (focusing on Southeast Asia as the natural frontier market for Canadian businesses in the Asia region), New Partnerships for Business in an Era of Digital Innovation (exploring the opportunities and challenges of Asia's incredible digital boom), and New Partnerships for a Sustainable Energy Transition (examining how Canada can best work with its partners in Asia to address the region's energy security needs while tackling the significant but crucial challenge of energy transition).

While the global economic and geopolitical landscape may at times seem bleak, I remain confident that we can all look forward to brighter days ahead. And that our Council will continue to play a role in assisting government and business in meeting the challenges and capturing the opportunities in our two-way engagement with dynamic Asia – to our mutual benefit.

#### Jeff Nankivell

President and CEO, Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada

# ABLAC 2023 PROGRAM

#### Singapore, February 20 -21, 2023

#### MEETING VENUE:

Olivia Room & Sophia Room (Stamford Ballroom), Fairmont Singapore's Raffles City Convention Centre, 80 Bras Basah Rd, Singapore

#### **DRESS CODE:**

Feb. 20th - Business Casual, Feb. 21st - Business Attire

#### **CHATHAM HOUSE RULE:**

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# Mutual Interests & Collective Solutions: New Business Partnerships in a Changing World

# Sixth Annual Meeting of the Asia Business Leaders Advisory Council (ABLAC 2023)

#### February 20th, 2023 – Welcome Day

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12:00PM DEPARTURE	Transportation from Swissôtel The Stamford to Bombardier Aerospace Facility
	Pickup Location:
	Swissôtel The Stamford
	2 Stamford Rd, Singapore
	(Hotel located above the Fairmont Singapore's Raffles City Convention Centre)

12:30PM – 2:00PM	Site Visit: Bombardier Aerospace Facility A light lunch will be served.  Venue:  10 Seletar Aerospace Heights, Aerospace Park, Singapore
2:00PM DEPARTURE	Transportation from Bombardier Site Visit to the Swissôtel The Stamford
3:00PM - 4:30PM	(Invitation to ABLAC members and guests)  Team Canada Trade Mission Kick-Off Event  The Honourable Mary Ng, Canada's Minister of International Trade, Export Promotion, Small Business and Economic Development, is pleased to invite you to attend the official Team Canada Trade Mission Kick-Off in Singapore.  The event will bring together Canadian and local businesses, stakeholders, and partners in the Indo-Pacific region. Following the kick-off, there will be refreshments and networking opportunities.  Venue:  Swissôtel The Stamford – Skai Suite (Level 69)  2 Stamford Rd, Singapore  (Hotel located above the Fairmont Singapore's Raffles City Convention Centre)
4:30PM DEPARTURE	Transportation from Swissôtel The Stamford to Welcome Cocktail Reception at Residence of the High Commissioner of Canada to Singapore
5:00PM - 7:00PM	Welcome Cocktail Reception for ABLAC Members and Guests  Hosted by the High Commissioner of Canada in Singapore  Venue:  Residence of the High Commissioner of Canada to Singapore  9 Swettenham Road, Singapore  Dress Code:  Business Casual
7:00PM DEPARTURE	Transportation from Welcome Cocktail Reception to Welcome Dinner

7:15PM – 9:30PM	Welcome Dinner for ABLAC Members and Guests Venue: Quentin's Bar & Restaurant in Sentosa 02 Gunner Lane, Block 14, #01-08, Singapore Dress Code: Business Casual
9:30PM DEPARTURE	Transportation from Welcome Dinner back to the Swissôtel The Stamford

#### February 21st, 2023 – ABLAC Meeting Day

Olivia Room & Sophia Room (Stamford Ballroom), Fairmont Singapore's Raffles City Convention Centre, 80 Bras Basah Rd, Singapore

Dress Code: Business Attire

Registration and Continental Breakfast at the Swissôtel The Stamford		
FROM 8:00AM	Continental breakfast available at the Stamford Foyer upon arrival.	
Opening Session		
9:00AM – 9:05AM	ABLAC 2023 Welcome Remarks  Jeff Nankivell, President & CEO of the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada	
9:05AM – 9:10AM	Welcome to Singapore  Brenda Wills, Chargée d'Affaires of the High Commission of Canada in Singapore	
9:10AM – 9:20AM	Opening Remarks  Goldy Hyder, ABLAC 2022 Chair and President & CEO of the Business Council of Canada	
9:20AM – 9:30AM	Ministerial Remarks  The Honourable Mary Ng, Minister of International Trade, Export  Promotion, Small Business and Economic Development, Government of Canada	

#### 9:30AM - 9:35AM

#### Transition to Thematic Sessions

**Hafimi Abdul Haadii**, ABLAC 2022 Vice-Chair and Executive Director of LVK Group of Companies

#### Session 1: New Partnerships & National Responses in a Changing Asia

#### 9:40AM - 11:00AM

#### Description:

The Government of Canada's 2022 Indo-Pacific Strategy highlighted Southeast Asia as a priority region for Canadian public and private sector engagement. With a population of 662 million people, a combined gross domestic product (GDP) of US\$3.2 trillion, and projected growth of 5.2% for 2023, Southeast Asia is a region of enormous potential for Canadian businesses. As more Canadian companies are adopting a 'China+1' risk mitigation and procurement strategy, Southeast Asia, with its median population age of 30.2 years, is the natural frontier market in the Asian region.

Each Southeast Asian state presents its own set of opportunities and challenges. To realize its objective of deeper regional engagement, Canada must understand the regional forces at play to develop specific strategies and partnerships necessary to manage them. This session will provide an overview of the strategic challenges Canada faces in Southeast Asia and offer insights into the possibilities for Canadian engagement and co-ordination with regional partners.

#### Session Chair:

**Hafimi Abdul Haadii**, ABLAC 2022 Vice-Chair & Executive Director of LVK Group of Companies

#### Speakers:

**Dr. Jeff Reeves**, Vice-President of Research & Strategy, Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada

#### Lead Discussants:

**Chin Hwee Tan**, Chief Executive Officer, Asia-Pacific & Middle East, Trafigura; Chairman, SGTRADEX

**Jonathan Fried**, Senior Advisor, Bennet Jones & Former Personal Representative of the Prime Minister for the G20, Ambassador to Japan, and to the WTO

#### Suggested Discussion Questions:

Where are the main challenges and obstacles for deeper Canadian involvement in Southeast Asia?

What are the best opportunities for engagement in Southeast Asia and where can Canadian businesses and the Government of Canada pursue new partnerships?

What are the politics inherent to great power competition in the region and how can the Canadian government best help businesses navigate those dynamics?

#### 11:00AM – 11:15AM Networking Coffee Break & Family Photo

#### Session 2: New Partnerships for Business in an Era of Digital Innovation

#### 11:15AM - 12:30PM

#### Description:

Asia has risen to become an innovation powerhouse, contributing to twothirds of global patent filings over the past decade, jumping from 54.6% in 2011 to 67.5% in 2021. From advances in AI and automation and their usage in manufacturing, to the creation of online platforms in areas such as e-commerce, fintech, and telehealth that are now being used by millions of people, digital innovation has been booming in Asia in recent years. Driven by the region's large population, rapid urbanization, and increasing internet penetration, digital innovation will continue to grow in the region. This will drive economic growth by creating new industries while improving productivity and efficiency in traditional ones. The new digital economy in Asia will also generate challenges that Canada will need to be mindful of – from governance and competitiveness issues to privacy and security. In this session, speakers will address the opportunities and implications of Asia's digital boom, and discuss the steps Canadian businesses and the Canadian government should be taking in order to accelerate Canada's success in the region.

#### Session Chair:

**Goldy Hyder**, ABLAC 2022 Chair & President and CEO, Business Council of Canada

#### Speaker:

Jan De Silva, President and CEO, Toronto Region Board of Trade

#### Lead Discussants:

Shirley Crystal Chua, Founder and Group CEO, Golden Equator

Kevin Strain, President and CEO, Sun Life

Songyee Yoon, President, NCSOFT & CEO, NCWEST

#### Suggested Discussion Questions:

Where are the main challenges and opportunities in Asia's booming digital economy for Canadian businesses?

How is the current digital transformation in Asia reshaping supply chains and corporate strategies?

How can governments incentivize businesses to utilize existing and future trade and investment agreements in the region in support of Canadian innovation in the digital era?

#### Luncheon

#### 12:30PM - 2:00PM

#### A Conversation with Piyush Gupta, CEO of DBS Group

DBS is a leading financial services group in Asia, headquartered in Singapore. Recognised for its global leadership, DBS has been named "World's Best Bank" by several global publications like Euromoney and Global Finance. The bank is at the forefront of leveraging digital technology to shape the future of banking, and was also named "World's Best Digital Bank" by Euromoney. In addition, in 2019, DBS was listed among the top ten most transformative organisations of the decade by Harvard Business Review.

#### Speaker:

Piyush Gupta, Chief Executive Officer of DBS Group

#### Moderated by:

**Dominic Barton,** Chairman of Rio Tinto & ABLAC Honorary Chair Emeritus

# A Spotlight on Indonesia with His Excellency Dr. Anies Rasyid Baswedan, Former Governor of Jakarta

#### 2:00PM - 2:45PM

#### Description:

Canada and Indonesia have recently embarked on formal negotiations towards a bilateral free trade agreement. This comes at a time when the Government of Canada has launched an ambitious strategy for expanded engagement with key partners in Asia, including Indonesia, under Canada's new Indo-Pacific Strategy. His Excellency Dr. Anies Rasyid Baswedan, former Governor of Jakarta, will join ABLAC members and guests virtually for a conversation on Indonesia's opportunities and challenges in the coming years and on the potential for expanded ties between Indonesia and Canada.

#### Speaker:

**His Excellency Dr. Anies Rasyid Baswedan**, Former Governor of Jakarta

#### Moderated by:

**Chin Hwee Tan**, Chief Executive Officer, Asia-Pacific & Middle East, Trafigura; Chairman, SGTRADEX

#### Session 3: New Partnerships for a Sustainable Energy Transition

#### 2:45PM - 4:00PM

#### Description:

Ensuring sustainable development, protecting the environment, and fighting climate change feature prominently in Canada's Indo-Pacific Strategy. The transition from fossil fuel-based sources of energy to cleaner and more sustainable ones will be critical in mitigating the impacts of climate change and contributing to Asia's energy security and sustainable development. Countries in Asia have been making progress in their energy transitions, although at different paces due to their varied levels of economic development and access to resources – and because of different government policies and regulatory frameworks. In Southeast Asia, for example, due to rapid population growth, the rise of the middle class, and an increase in industrial activities, the demand for energy is expected to increase by 60% by 2040, creating both challenges and opportunities. With Canada's abundance of natural resources, expertise, and technology, this session will discuss how Canada can best work with its partners in Asia to help address Asia's energy security needs while tackling the significant but crucial challenge of energy transition.

#### Session Chair:

Martha Hall Findlay, Former Chief Climate Officer, Suncor

#### Speaker:

Rick Christiaanse, CEO of Invest Alberta

#### Lead Discussants:

**Marc-André Blanchard**, Executive Vice-President and Head of CDPQ Global and Global Head of Sustainability

Kaori Namiki, President and CEO, Mitsubishi Canada Ltd.

#### Suggested Discussion Questions:

sustainable development?

What opportunities for collaboration does Asia's energy transition bring for Canada?

How can Canada best contribute to Asia's decarbonization efforts? What are the main challenges impeding Asia's energy security and

4:00PM – 4:15PM	Health Break	
ABLAC Governance Session (ABLAC Members Only)		
4:15PM – 5:15PM	Moderated by:  Goldy Hyder, ABLAC 2022 Chair & President and CEO, Business Council of Canada	
Canada-in-Asia Conference Welcome Reception – Open to All ABLAC Members & Guests		
5:30PM	All ABLAC members & guests are invited to the welcome reception for the Canada-in-Asia Conference, which will take place immediately after ABLAC 2023 wraps up. This crossover reception will offer ABLAC members and guests an additional opportunity to network with a broader group of Canada-connected stakeholders.	
	The conference program is available separately.	

# SPECIAL GUESTS







Anies Rasyid Baswedan\*



The Honourable Mary Ng\*



# The Honourable Mary Ng

Minister of International Trade, Export Promotion, Small Business and Economic Development, Government of Canada

The Honourable Mary Ng was first elected as Member of Parliament for Markham—Thornhill in 2017. She has previously served as Minister of Small Business, Export Promotion and International Trade.

Minister Ng is a devoted community leader who has always believed in the power of public service. She has 20 years of experience in the areas of education, women's leadership, job creation, and entrepreneurship.

Minister Ng immigrated to Canada from Hong Kong with her family, and grew up learning about the struggle and eventual success that many new immigrants experience in Canada.

Her years working for the Ontario Public Service, Ryerson University, and the Ontario Ministry of Education led to her being recognized as one of Canada's top-performing public sector leaders. She later served as Director of Appointments for Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.



## Piyush Gupta

Chief Executive Officer & Director, DBS Group

Mr. Piyush Gupta has been Chief Executive Officer and Director of DBS Group since 2009.

DBS is a leading financial services group in Asia, headquartered in Singapore. Recognised for its global leadership, DBS has been named "World's Best Bank" by several global publications like Euromoney and Global Finance. The bank is at the forefront of leveraging digital technology to shape the future of banking, and was also named "World's Best Digital Bank" by Euromoney. In addition, in 2019, DBS was listed among the top ten most transformative organisations of the decade by Harvard Business Review.

Prior to joining DBS, Piyush had a 27 year career at Citigroup, where his last position was Chief Executive Officer for South East Asia, Australia and New Zealand.

Piyush is currently the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Singapore Management University, Vice-Chairman of the Institute of International Finance, Washington, and Vice-Chairman of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) Executive Committee. In addition, he is a member of Singapore's Advisory Council on the Ethical Use of AI and Data, and Bretton Woods Committee - Advisory Council. He sits on the boards of Singapore's National Research Foundation, and the Singapore's Council for Board Diversity. Piyush is a term trustee of the Singapore

Indian Development Association (SINDA).

Previously, he has been a member of the Singapore Emerging Stronger Taskforce, aimed at defining Singapore's future in a post-Covid world, the UN Secretary General's Task Force on Digital Financing of the Sustainable Development Goals, and the McKinsey Advisory Council.

Piyush has a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Degree in Economics from St. Stephen's College, Delhi University, India and a Post Graduate Diploma in Management from IIM, Ahmedabad.

Piyush was awarded the Public Service Star by the President of Singapore for his meritorious services to the nation in 2020. He is a recipient of the 2023 Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award, the highest honour conferred by the Indian Government on the country's diaspora.

Piyush was named one of the world's top 100 best-performing chief executives in Harvard Business Review - 2019 edition of "The CEO 100". He was named Global Indian of the Year by the Economic Times in 2021, Singapore Business Awards' Outstanding Chief Executive of the Year in 2016, and Singapore Business Leader of the Year by CNBC in 2014.

In his personal capacity, Piyush takes a keen interest in nature, and is a Co-Chairman of the BirdLife International Advisory Group.



## Anies Rasyid Baswedan

Former Governor of Jakarta

Anies Rasyid Baswedan served as the Governor of Jakarta from 2017-2022. He is also the Founder of Indonesia Mengajar, Chairman of the Indonesian Governors Association, and the Vice Chairman of the steering committee of C-40 where he is in the leadership along with the Mayor of London and the Governor of Tokyo. He was also the Co-Chair of the Urban-20 Forum as part of Indonesia's G20 Presidency in 2022.

Before assuming office as governor, Mr. Baswedan served as the Minister of Education and Culture of the Republic of Indonesia (2014-2016). For the period of 2007-2014, he was the rector of

Paramadina University, a leading private university in Jakarta. He was Indonesia's youngest university rector when elected in 2007.

Mr. Baswedan attained a Ph.D in Political Science from Northern Illinois University, an MA in Public Management from the School of Public Policy at the University of Maryland, and a BA in Economics from Gadjah Mada University. During his studies, he was granted numerous scholastic awards including Fulbright Scholarship, William P Cole Scholarship, Gerald Maryanov Fellowship, and JAL Scholarship.

# ABLAC GUEST SPEAKERS







Rick Christiaanse\*

Jonathan T. Fried\*

Jeffrey Reeves\*



## Rick Christiaanse

CEO, Invest Alberta

Rick Christiaanse is a seasoned senior executive in the corporate, public, and not-for-profit sectors, bringing decades of senior business leadership experience driving growth and negotiating major investments globally.

He's worked with startups to billion-dollar enterprises, leading teams in foreign direct investment and the international tech ecosystem, serving as an experienced connector between business, governments, stakeholders, and not-forprofit organizations. Rick joined Invest Alberta in October 2021, building an engaging local and international team that has attracted over \$20

billion in diverse, high-impact investments to Alberta to date.

Rick has served as Chief Operating Officer of Skidmore Group, General Manager of Glentel Inc., Vice President of Channel Marketing for Shift Networks, Senior Director- Sales and Marketing for TELUS/TELUS International and Executive Vice President of Sport BC.

At the board level, he served as Chairman of the Broadway Benevolent Association, Chair of the Translink Governance Committee, and Vice-Chairman of Vancity's Nominations and Election Committee.



### Jonathan T. Fried

Senior Advisor, Bennet Jones

Mr. Jonathan T. Fried's distinguished diplomatic career for Canada spanned law, economics, and trade. Prior to his retirement in August 2020, he was Coordinator for International Economic Relations at Global Affairs Canada, with a mandate to ensure coherent policy positions and government-wide strategic planning in international economic fora regarding both current and forward issues, including responses to the COVID-19 pandemic, and Canada-Asia and other international trade and economic matters. From 2017 to early 2020, he was the Personal Representative of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau for the G20.

Previously, Mr. Fried served as Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the WTO; Ambassador to Japan; Executive Director for Canada, Ireland and the Caribbean at the IMF; Senior Foreign Policy Advisor to the Prime Minister; Senior Assistant Deputy Minister for the Department of Finance and Canada's G7 and G20

Finance Deputy. He was formerly Canada's Chief Negotiator on China's WTO accession; chief counsel for NAFTA; and Counsellor for Congressional and Legal Affairs at the Canadian Embassy in Washington, DC.

Mr. Fried is a Senior Advisor with the Albright Stonebridge Group in Washington, DC, Senior Associate to the Center for Strategic and International Studies also in Washington, DC, Advisor to Llewellyn Consulting in London, U.K., and is one of two Lead Advisors to the World Economic Forum's International Trade and Investment Platform. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Health Standards Organization and the Advisory Boards of the Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment, the World Trade Symposium, and the Central and East European Law Institute.

Mr. Fried received his B.A. and LL.B. from the University of Toronto, and LL.M. from Columbia University.



# **Jeffrey Reeves**

Vice-President, Research & Strategy, Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada

Dr. Jeffrey Reeves is Vice-President of Research & Strategy for the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada. Prior to joining APF Canada, Dr. Reeves was the Director of Asian Studies at the United States Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Dr. Reeves has over 15 years direct experience living and working in Asia, including as an Associate Professor with the Daniel K. Inouye Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies in the United States, as a Research Fellow with Griffith University in Australia, and as a University Instructor at Peking University in the People's Republic of China. Dr. Reeves has worked with the United Nations Development Program and World Wildlife Foundation in Beijing and as a Research Assistant with the London School of Economics and Political Science's (LSE) Asia Research Centre in London. Dr. Reeves served in

the United States Peace Corps from 2001 to 2003 in Khovd, Mongolia.

Dr. Reeves has published extensively on economics, politics, and security in Asia, including the books Chinese-Japanese Competition and the East Asian Security Complex: Vying for Influence (Routledge 2016), Chinese Foreign Relations with Weak Peripheral States: Asymmetrical Economic Power and Insecurity (Routledge 2015), and Non-Traditional Security in East Asia: A Regime Approach (Imperial College Press 2015). His articles have appeared in Tier 1 peer reviewed journals including The China Quarterly, Journal of Contemporary China, Asia Security, Pacific Review, and Terrorism and Political Violence, among others. Dr. Reeves received his PhD from the LSE and his master's degree in Chinese Studies from the University of Edinburgh.

# ABLAC CANADA MEMBERS



Goldy Hyder\*



Dominic Barton\*



Murad Al-Katib



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Marc-André Blanchard\*



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Jonathan Price



Michael Rolland



Ian Smith



Kevin D. Strain\*



Mark Wiseman



# Goldy Hyder

ABLAC Chair, President and Chief Executive Officer, Business Council of Canada

Goldy Hyder is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Business Council of Canada. Founded in 1976, the Council is a non-profit, non-partisan organization composed of the chief executives and entrepreneurs of Canada's leading companies. Members collectively employ 1.7 million Canadians across the country in every major industry.

From July 2014 to October 2018, Mr. Hyder was President and Chief Executive Officer of Hill+Knowlton Strategies (Canada), providing strategic communications counsel to the firm's extensive and diverse client base. Prior to joining Hill+Knowlton in 2001, he served as Director of Policy and Chief of Staff to The Right Honourable Joe Clark, former prime minister and former leader of the federal Progressive Conservative Party.

In addition to his achievements in business and public policy, Mr. Hyder has a long track record of service on behalf of several charities and non-profit organizations. He is chair of the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada's Asia Business Leaders Advisory Council, a board member of the Business

+ Higher Education Roundtable, an executive committee member of the Century Initiative and co-chair of Canada's World Trade Organization Business Advisory Council. In addition, he sits on the advisory boards of two leading organizations promoting advancement of women leaders: Catalyst Canada and the 30% Club (Canada). Mr. Hyder is also a member of the selection board for A Seat At The Table, an initiative to encourage greater representation of people with disabilities on corporate boards. He is a past co-chair of the United Way of Ottawa's Campaign Cabinet.

Mr. Hyder is a regular commentator in the Canadian media on business, politics and leadership. He is also the host of the "Speaking of Business" podcast, which features interviews with Canadian innovators, entrepreneurs and business leaders. In 2013, he received the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of his contributions to Canada. He holds a Master of Arts in Public Policy from the University of Calgary.



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Dominic Barton

Chair, Rio Tinto

Dominic Barton is Chair of Rio Tinto and the Chair of LeapFrog Investments, an impact-investment firm focused on emerging markets.

Dominic recently completed his role as the Ambassador of Canada to the People's Republic of China. He was appointed by the Right Honourable Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in 2019, serving until 2021.

He was a Senior Partner at McKinsey & Company and served as Global Managing Partner from 2009 to 2018.

Dominic served as Chairman of Teck Resources and as Non-Executive Director at the Singtel Group (Singapore) and Investor AB (Sweden). He was also an Advisory Board Member of the Olayan Group, a private family-owned company. He is also the Chancellor of the University of Waterloo and was the Chair of Standard Chartered Bank's International Advisory Council. He was the Chair of the Canadian Minister of Finance's Advisory

Council on Economic Growth and was Chair of the Seoul International Business Advisory Council.

Dominic was a Senior Trustee of the Brookings Institution, a member of the Singapore Economic Development Board's International Advisory Council, and a member of the boards of Memorial Sloan Kettering in New York City and the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada.

He is one of the founders of FCLT Global (Focusing Capital on the Long Term), has co-authored four books, including Talent Wins, published in 2018, and is also an Adjunct Professor at Tsinghua University, Beijing. He is the recipient of eight honorary doctorates from the University of Toronto, the University of British Columbia, and the University of Edinburgh, among others.

He graduated from the University of British Columbia with a BA Honours in economics and has a M.Phil in Economics from Oxford University, where he studied as a Rhodes Scholar.



### Murad Al-Katib

President and Chief Executive Officer, AGT Food and Ingredients Inc.

Murad Al-Katib is President, CEO and a Board member of AGT Food and Ingredients Inc. A strategic business and financial thinker in an international agri-food commodity trading business, Murad founded AGT Foods in 2001, building a Canadian start-up into a global billion dollar value-added pulses, staple foods, and ingredients company.

Murad serves as Chair of the Government of Canada National Agri-Food Strategy Roundtable, and as the Economic Development Regina Board Chair. Past Boards Murad has served on include the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada, CSCA, Pulse Canada and a number of Canadian Government advisory boards and panels including Chairing the Advisory Board for Small and Medium Enterprise for the Canadian Minister of International Trade, participating as a panel

member for the Government of Canada's renewal of Canada's Global Commerce Strategy, and on the Advisory Committee for the Review of the Canada Transportation Act for the Minister of Transport.

Murad has received a number of prestigious awards including the 2017 Saskatchewan Order of Merit, an Honorary Degree from the University of Regina recognizing his work as a humanitarian and entrepreneur, the 2017 "Oslo Business for Peace" Honouree, 2017 EY "World Entrepreneur of the Year" after being named National and Prairie Region "Entrepreneur of the Year", 2016 UN Association of Canada "Global Citizen Laureate", *PROFITGuide Magazine's* "30 Most Fabulous Entrepreneurs of the Past 30 Years" list, *The Globe & Mail* "Canada's Top 40 under 40" and the *Western Producer* "44 Innovators Who Shaped Prairie Agriculture."



## Stewart Beck

Former President and Chief Executive Officer, Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada

Stewart Beck is the former President and CEO of the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada. Prior to joining APF Canada, Mr. Beck served as the Canadian High Commissioner to the Republic of India with concurrent accreditation to the Kingdom of Bhutan and to Nepal. He joined Canada's Department of External Affairs and International Trade (now Global Affairs Canada) in 1982 and served abroad in the United States, Taiwan, and the People's Republic of China. In Ottawa, he held

a number of progressively more senior positions, including Director General of the North Asia Bureau, Director General Responsible for Senior Management and Rotational Assignments, and Assistant Deputy Minister for International Business Development, Investment, and Innovation. He was Consul General in Shanghai and prior to his posting to India, he was Consul General in San Francisco.



## Marc-André Blanchard

Executive Vice-President and Head of CDPQ Global and Global Head of Sustainability

As Executive Vice-President and Head of CDPQ Global and Global Head of Sustainability, Mr. Blanchard is responsible for co-ordinating CDPQ's international operations. He oversees CDPQ's international offices, ensuring the organization's positioning as an investment partner of choice. He also supports the international growth and development of Québec companies. In addition, he oversees the organizations sustainability orientations and activities and leads CDPQ's strategy to integrate ESG factors into all investment activities. He sits on the Executive and Investment-Risk Committees.

Before joining CDPQ in September 2020, he was Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations in New York from 2016 to 2020. From 2017 to 2020, he sat on Canada's North American Free Trade Agreement Council. Prior to that, he was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of McCarthy Tétrault, one of Canada's leading law firms.

In addition to a Bachelor of Laws from Université de Montréal, Mr. Blanchard holds an LLM in Public International Law from the London School of Economics and Political Science. He also holds a Master's in Public Administration and a Master's in International Affairs, both from the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University. He was called to the Québec Bar in 1992.

Very active in the community, Mr. Blanchard is Co-Lead of the Global Investors for Sustainable Development (GISD) Alliance's Task Force on Multilateral Development Banks, Co-Chair of the Investor Leadership Network (ILN) and Co-Chair of B20 Indonesia Finance & Infrastructure Task Force. He is a actively involved in the Sustainable Markets Initiative, which was launched by His Majesty King Charles III, as well as a member of the Advisory Council of the Canada-India Business Council and of the World Economic Forum's Global Future Council on SDG Investment. He also sits on the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan Université de Montréal and Director of the Montreal Heart Institute Foundation.

In 2016, Canadian Business ranked him one of Canada's 50 most powerful business leaders. In 2013, Catalyst Canada awarded him the CEO Recognition Award for his leadership on diversity. In 2016, he received the Avocat émérite award from the Barreau du Québec.



CANADA

# Neil Cunningham

Vice-Chair and Special Advisor to the President and CEO, PSP Investments

Neil Cunningham is Vice-Chair and Special Advisor to the President and CEO, Public Sector Pension Investments, and former President and Chief Executive Officer at PSP Investments. Prior to these appointments, Mr. Cunningham acted as Senior Vice President, Global Head of Real Estate and Natural Resources at PSP Investments. With over 35 years of experience, Mr. Cunningham has deep industry knowledge and expertise in the real estate and financial industries.

Mr. Cunningham joined PSP Investments in 2004 and was instrumental in building the Real Estate group into one of the largest, most respected and successful institutional investment teams in the world. He also led the team responsible for Natural Resources' success in investing globally and establishing relationships with best-in-class local operators.



# Janet (Jan) De Silva

President and CEO, Toronto Region Board of Trade

Jan De Silva is President and CEO of the Toronto Region Board of Trade, one of the largest and most influential business organizations in North America. She is spearheading efforts to make Toronto one of the most competitive and soughtafter business regions in the world.

Jan brings to the role more than 14 years of international CEO experience building ambitious, high-growth organizations. Anchored in her leadership is her belief in the power of economic development to lift communities.

Prior to joining the Board, she served as CEO of Sun Life Financial's Hong Kong and Mainland China businesses and co-founded and later sold Retail China Limited. Jan also served as Dean of Ivey Asia for Ivey Business School of Western University.

Highly respected for her business advocacy and government engagement, Jan has been Chair of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong, Chair of the Canada China Business Council in Beijing and served on the Board of the Asian Corporate Governance Association. In 2019, she was appointed by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to represent Canada on the APEC Business Advisory Council. Jan also sits on the boards of Intact Financial Corporation, listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange.



# Olivier Desmarais

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Power Sustainable

Olivier Desmarais is the driving force behind the Power Sustainable vision as a global, sustainability-led alternative asset manager. He chairs the Canada China Business Council (CCBC) and in addition serves as a Director of Canada Life, IG Wealth Management, Mackenzie, and Lumenpulse. Olivier Desmarais has been Senior Vice-President of Power

Corporation since 2017. He is actively engaged in the community as member of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research. Olivier Desmarais holds a Bachelor of Civil Law from the University of Ottawa, a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Political Science from McGill University, and has been a Québec Bar member since 2009.



### Janice Fukakusa

Chancellor, Toronto Metropolitan University, Inaugural Vice-chair, CanWIN

Janice Fukakusa is Chancellor at Toronto Metropolitan University (formerly Ryerson University) and a member of the Order of Canada (2022). She is a corporate director and former Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Financial Officer of Royal Bank of Canada, from which she retired in January 2017 following a distinguished 31-year career. Ms. Fukakusa currently serves on the boards of a number of corporate and not-forprofit organizations, including Brookfield Asset Management, Cineplex, Loblaw and Riocan. She is Chair of The Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation, former inaugural Chair of Canada Infrastructure Bank and is a member of APF Canada's Asia Business Leaders Advisory Council (ABLAC).

In 2007, Ms. Fukakusa was inducted into Canada's Most Powerful Women Hall of Fame, and in 2016 she was named one of the 25 Most Powerful Women in Banking by American Banker magazine for the fourth consecutive year. She was also selected as Canada's CFO of the Year by Financial

Executives Canada, PwC and Robert Half in 2014. In 2017, she was honoured as a YWCA Woman of Distinction, and in 2018 named one of Canada's Top 25 Women of Influence. Ms. Fukakusa was recognized for her exceptional skills in coordinating and motivating volunteers and her commitment to the advancement of philanthropy with the Association of Fundraising Professionals (GTA) 2020 Outstanding Volunteer Award.

Prior to joining RBC, Ms. Fukakusa worked at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, where she obtained the professional designations of Chartered Professional Accountant and Chartered Business Valuator. She was appointed Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario (FCPA) in 2011. She obtained a Bachelor of Arts from University of Toronto and holds a Master of Business Administration from York University's Schulich School of Business. In 2016, she was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Laws from York University.



CANADA

# Gordon Fyfe

Chief Executive Officer and Chief Investment Officer, British Columbia Investment Management Corporation (BCI)

Gordon J. Fyfe is the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Investment Officer of British Columbia Investment Management Corporation (BCI). BCI is one of the largest asset managers in Canada and manages \$174.9 billion on behalf of British Columbia's public sector.

Gordon has a strong and extensive investment background with more than 30 years in the investment and finance industry. Prior to joining BCI in July 2014, he served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Public Sector Pension

Investment Board (PSPIB) in Montreal, Canada for 11 years. Gordon started his career with JP Morgan in New York and London, and then moved to senior executive positions at TAL Global Asset Management and Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec, both large Canadian institutional investors.

Gordon holds a degree in Commerce from the University of British Columbia and an MBA from INSEAD, France.



CANADA
Tim S. Gitzel

President and Chief Executive Officer, Cameco Corporation

Cameco is one of the world's largest uranium producers, helping to generate clean electricity in nuclear energy plants around the world. Tim Gitzel was appointed CEO of Cameco in 2011. He joined Cameco in 2007 as Senior Vice-President and CEO and was appointed President in 2010. Mr. Gitzel has extensive experience in Canadian and international uranium mining activities through more than 20 years of senior management and legal experience. Prior to joining Cameco, he was Executive Vice-President at AREVA based in Paris,

France, with responsibility for global uranium, gold, exploration, and decommissioning operations in 11 countries. He also served as President and CEO for AREVA's Canadian subsidiary. Mr. Gitzel currently serves on the boards of the Washington-based Nuclear Energy Institute and the Mosaic Company. He is Past Chair of the World Nuclear Association and has served on the boards of the Mining Association of Canada and the Canadian Nuclear Association.

# Martha Hall Findlay

Former Chief Climate Officer, Suncor

Until her recent retirement, Martha Hall Findlay led Suncor's efforts to address the nexus of climate and energy, including strategic planning in collaboration with various Suncor teams, and stewarding many of Suncor's external relationships and strategic collaborations, to build an environment that supports a future for Canadian energy. Martha was instrumental in the development of, and played a critical leadership role with, the multi-company Oil Sands Pathways to Net Zero by 2050 initiative.

She was named a Canadian Climate Champion in 2021 by the British High Commission and the Canada Climate Law Initiative; she was named as one of Canada's Clean50 for 2022; she was named by the Energy Council as a top global female oil and gas executive and one of the top 275 women influencers.

Martha joined Suncor in 2020 as Chief Sustainability Officer and played a key role in stewarding Suncor's many external relationships and strategic collaborations in support of the company's ongoing economic, environmental, and social performance leadership.

Prior to joining Suncor, Martha was the President and CEO of the Canada West Foundation, one of Canada's most important public policy thinktanks, where her focus was on strong public policy recommendations for the economic and social prosperity of Western Canada, and by extension Canada as a whole. She has written dozens of essays, articles, and op-eds for national publications in both official languages and has frequently appeared as a thought leader in national print and broadcast media.

She has over 30 years of experience as a corporate

lawyer, international trade expert, senior executive, and successful entrepreneur, supporting major multinationals as well as startups – primarily in wireless telecommunications and mobile payments, and then energy, both in Canada and in Europe.

As a twice-elected Member of Parliament, she served in the Official Opposition shadow cabinet for International Trade; Finance; Transport, Infrastructure and Communities; and Public Works and Government Services, and she served on the House of Commons Standing Committees for all of those portfolios. She is currently a member of the Minister of International Trade's Trade Expert Advisory Council.

Martha's community engagement has included serving as an advisory council member, board director and executive for a variety of policy, environmental, community, and cultural organizations including the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, Energy Futures Lab, Positive Energy (University of Ottawa), Protein Industries Canada, the Glenbow Museum, the Georgian Bay Association, and CKUA Radio Network. She is currently a member of the energy advisory board for MaRS and a member of the advisory council for Avatar Innovations.

She was Canadian Championships silver medalist in alpine skiing (1976), coached several young skiers who went on to compete in the Olympics, and served six years on the Board of Alpine Canada, her last two as Chair.

Martha has a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations from the University of Toronto and an LLB from Osgoode Hall Law School. She also holds the Institute of Corporate Directors ICD.D designation.



Suyi Kim
Senior Managing Director & Global Head of Private Equity

Suyi leads CPP Investments' Private Equity program globally, including teams dedicated to investments in Direct Private Equity, Private Equity Asia, Private Equity Funds and Secondaries.

Suyi was most recently Senior Managing Director & Head of Asia Pacific overseeing CPP Investment's investment activities in Asia Pacific across all investment programs including public equity, private equity, real estate, infrastructure, and credit. Suyi joined CPP Investments in 2007 and established our first international office in Hong Kong. She oversaw the private equity business in Asia as Head of Private Equity Asia until early 2016.

Suyi has over 20 years of investment experience. Prior to joining CPP Investments, she worked at The Carlyle Group and Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan for private equity investments in Asia as well as globally. Before her investing career, Suyi also worked at McKinsey & Co. and

PricewaterhouseCoopers in various Asian countries. Suyi holds a Master of Business Administration from Stanford University and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Seoul National University. She is a Certified Public Accountant.

She currently serves on the board of directors of Waymo, an autonomous driving technology company and subsidiary of Alphabet Inc., as well as JA Korea, the Korean branch of Junior Achievement. She is also a Governing Council Member of the McKinsey Center for CEO Excellence. She previously sat on the board of Hong Kong Broadband Network ("HKBN"), a Hong Kong listed Internet, Communication & Telecommunication company, Homeplus, the second largest retailer in South Korea and Global Private Capital Association (ex "EMPEA"). Suyi was also on the Products Advisory Committee of the Securities & Futures Commission of Hong Kong.



CANADA

# Kathy Kinloch

Former President, British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT)

Kathy Kinloch is the former President of the British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT), Canada's premier polytechnic institution which serves approximately 50,000 students annually, where she focused on broadening and deepening BCIT's globally relevant connections with business, industry and community within B.C., across Canada and globally to meet the needs of today's and tomorrow's employers and learners.

Kathy is recognized for leading strategic organizational renewal by empowering people in complex environments. Through a series of senior leadership and executive roles, she has spearheaded successful strategic change initiatives in the post-secondary as well as government and health care sectors.

Acknowledgements of Kathy's accomplishments include a Power 50 list citation and Most Influential Women in Business acknowledgement from BC Business magazine; Influential Women in Business Awards, Business in Vancouver magazine; Woman of Distinction, YWCA Metro Vancouver; Top 100 Hall of Fame and Top 100 Public Sector

Leaders, Women's Executive Network (WXN); and an Honorary Doctor of Laws from Royal Roads University. Kathy was also honoured as "Canada's Most Admired CEO of 2018" and BCIT as one of "Canada's Most Admired Corporate Cultures for 2019" in the Broader Public Sector categories by Waterstone Human Capital.

Kathy holds a Diploma in Nursing and a Bachelor of Science (Nursing, with Distinction) from University of Alberta, a Master of Arts in Leadership (Chancellors Award) and a Graduate Certificate in Executive Coaching from Royal Roads University.

Kathy's board positions include the Business Council of BC; Surrey Hospital Foundation; the Public Policy Forum and TELUS Corporation. She is also a member of the Business + Higher Education Roundtable, the Asia Business Leaders Advisory Council of the Asia Pacific Foundation, and chaired the Province's Emerging Economy Task Force. She was appointed to the Order of British Columbia, the Province's highest form of recognition, on August 1, 2022.



#### CANADA

## Mairead Lavery

President and Chief Executive Officer, Export Development Canada

Since joining Export Development Canada in 2014, Mairead Lavery has put values and ethics at the center of her leadership approach. Appointed President and CEO on February 5, 2019, Mairead set out three pillars for her leadership: Champion for Trade; Environmental, Social and Governance Responsibility; and Inclusion, Diversity and Equity. These values are the centerpiece of her – and EDC's – business agenda.

Under her direction, Canada's export credit agency has pursued ambitious objectives, achieving strong growth, and helping more Canadian companies do business in 200 markets around the world, while generating over \$100 billion in trade and investment annually.

In 2020, EDC became a major contributor to the Government of Canada's COVID-19 economic response, helping deliver billions of dollars in liquidity to companies across Canada. EDC also stands as the single largest financier of Canadian cleantech, a proud supporter of women-owned and women-led businesses, and regularly ranks among Canada's Top 100 Employers.

Mairead is the Board Chair for the EDC subsidiary, FinDev Canada, Canada's international development finance institution, and a Board member of Ontario Global 100, creating opportunities for business leaders of Ontario midsized companies to accelerate growth. She also sits on the advisory boards of Toronto Global Forum and Project Arrow, which is creating Canada's original full-build, zero-emissions concept vehicle. Prior to joining EDC, Mairead held executive roles at Bombardier, where she managed a range of large complex portfolios over a sixteen-year career.

She is a native of Northern Ireland, has a degree in Management and Accounting from Queen's University Belfast, and is a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland. She is also the first woman to occupy EDC's chief executive role in its 75-plus year history.

In 2015, Mairead experienced another very proud milestone: becoming a Canadian citizen.



CANADA

# **Don Lindsay**

Former President and Chief Executive Officer, Teck Resources

Don Lindsay is the former President and Chief Executive Officer of Teck Resources Limited. Mr. Lindsay currently serves on the Board of Directors for BC Children's Hospital Foundation, Alpine Canada, York House School, and is an Honorary Governor of the Royal Ontario Museum. He was the Chair of the Business Council of Canada, Chair of the International Council on Mining and Metals, as well as Chair of the Board of Governors for Mining and Metals at the World Economic Forum. Prior to joining Teck, Mr. Lindsay was President of CIBC World Markets Inc., led the bank's Investment and Corporate Banking Division, the Asia Pacific Region, and was founder of CIBC's Global Mining Group. He is a graduate of Queen's University (B.Sc., Hons.) and Harvard Business School (MBA).

Don has received a number of accolades and awards, including the Nature Trust of British Columbia Conservation Champion Award (2014), the British Columbia Community Achievement Award (2014),

the CIM Distinguished Service Medal (2014), the Business in Vancouver CEO of the Year Award (2014), and the Mining Association of British Columbia's Mining Person of the Year (2009). He also received an Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser Award (2017) from the Association of Fundraising Professionals for his work with BC Children's Hospital Foundation.

In 2012, he received the Kathleen Beaumont-Hill distinguished alumni award from Queen's University, and he has been the recipient of an Honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of Windsor (2018) and Honorary Doctorate of Technology from the British Columbia Institute of Technology (2013).

Awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee medal in 2002, Don was honoured again with the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medal in 2012. He was named to the Order of British Columbia in 2014.



#### CANADA

#### Mark Machin

Co-Founder and CEO, Opto Investments

Dr. Mark Machin has 30 years of experience in investment and finance. He is the Co-Founder and CEO of Opto Investments and was the President & CEO of the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board (CPPIB) for five years. During his tenure as President & CEO at CPPIB, assets grew to nearly \$500 billion, as of March 31, 2021, with returns of over 11 per cent per annum. Mark joined CPPIB in 2012 and was Senior Managing Director & Head of International based in Hong Kong.

Prior to CPPIB, Mark spent 20 years at Goldman Sachs in London and Hong Kong where for 17 years he focused on Capital Markets and Investment Banking in Asia. He was a partner for nine years and was Asia Head of Investment Banking for Goldman Sachs for six years and Vice Chairman of Asia ex-Japan.

Mark is currently on the Board of the Atlantic Council, an American Atlanticist think-tank in the field of international affairs, founded in 1961. Mark is also on the board of Serendipity Capital, a global venture capital vehicle focused on fintech. He is a champion and committed advocate of inclusion and diversity in business and society and is a member of the 30% Club Canada, the global campaign that encourages greater representation of women on boards and executive teams.

Mark studied undergraduate and graduate medicine and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Physiological Sciences from Oxford University and Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery from Cambridge University.



# CANADA Jeff Nankivell

President and CEO, Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada

Jeff Nankivell joined APF Canada as President and CEO on September 7, 2021.

Prior to this, he had a 33-year career in Canada's Foreign Service. He held various positions at the Canadian International Development Agency between 1988 and 2008, working on programs related to China, Russia, strategic policy, and international financial institutions. A fluent Mandarin speaker, he was posted three times to Canada's embassy in Beijing – in the development assistance section 1991-95 and 2000-04, and as Deputy Head of Mission 2008-11.

From 2011 to 2016, Jeff served in Ottawa/Gatineau as Director General responsible for Canada's official

development assistance programs across Asia, first with the Canadian International Development Agency and then with Global Affairs Canada. In 2016 he was appointed Consul General of Canada in Hong Kong and Macao, serving in Hong Kong until May 2021.

Jeff holds a Master's degree in political sociology from the London School of Economics, BA in international relations from the University of Toronto and Université Laval, and certificate (one-year program) in Chinese language and culture from the Chinese University of Hong Kong.



Sue Paish
Chief Executive Officer, Digital Supercluster

As CEO of the Canada's Digital Cluster, Sue leads a portfolio of digital innovation and talent-building projects destined to deliver over \$3.7 billion in anticipated revenue for Canadian companies. The Cluster's portfolio focuses on the commercialization of Canadian-made digital technologies that improve human health, accelerate the economy to net-zero and build a skilled workforce for the digital world. The Cluster brings together industry, academic, community and public sector partners to solve some of industry and society's biggest challenges by collaborating to build technology breakthroughs. Results to-date include a data platform adopted by the World Health Organization (WHO) as the new global standard in the fight against anti-microbial resistance, which is currently responsible for over

5 million deaths per year; an 'earth x-ray' that leverages muon tomography to effectively identify and measure deposits of critical minerals up to 1 km underground; and skilling programs aimed to generate over 9,000 job placements.

Sue also serves on the Boards of TELUS International, CORIX and Own the Podium. She has received numerous recognitions for her community contributions including a King's Counsel, an honorary Doctorate of Technology, Influential Women in Business Lifetime Achievement Award and the Peter Lougheed Award for Public Policy. Sue's greatest joy is spending time in Canada's wilderness with her husband, daughters and granddaughters.



# Susannah Pierce

President and Country Chair, Shell Canada

Susannah Pierce is the President and Country Chair, Shell Canada. Previously, she was Director of Corporate Affairs, LNG Canada, a joint venture of Shell, Petronas, Mitsubishi, PetroChina and Kogas. She joined LNG Canada in 2013 and has been responsible for the project's federal and provincial regulatory approvals, Indigenous relations and negotiations, government relations, media relations, community consultation and communications. Under her leadership, the project achieved federal and provincial environmental approvals on schedule and received unprecedented support from First Nations, communities and governments. This support underpinned LNG Canada's Final Investment Decision in October 2018, making it the largest private sector investment in Canadian history.

Susannah serves on the Board of Directors of the following non-profit organizations: The Vancouver Police Foundation, The Vancouver General Hospital Foundation, BCBC Board of Governors, The Fraser Institute and The Canadian Global Affairs Institute. She was named to the Vancouver Magazine 2019 Power 50 and the BC Business 2015 Most Influential Women in Business lists. She was also recognized as a 2019 Most Influential Woman in Business by Business in Vancouver magazine.

Susannah is a graduate of the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) and The George Washington University, and speaks English, Spanish and French. She lives in Vancouver with her two children, Robert and Gabriela.



Jonathan Price

Chief Executive Officer, Teck Resources

Jonathan Price was appointed Chief Executive Officer of Teck on September 30, 2022, and has been a member of Teck's Board of Directors since July 26, 2022.

Previously, Mr. Price was Executive Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer having joined Teck in October 2020. He brings extensive experience in the resources sector through a variety of finance, commercial, and business development roles spanning Europe, Asia, and Australia, with a focus on strategy, transformational change, and business improvement.

Prior to joining Teck, Mr. Price was employed by BHP from 2006 to 2020 where he was Chief Transformation Officer, Vice-President Finance, and Vice-President Investor Relations working in Asia, Australia, and the U.K. He has also worked in the Metals and Mining team at ABN AMRO Bank and held various production and technical roles with INCO.

Mr. Price holds a Master of Engineering (Honours) in Metallurgy and Materials Science from the University of Oxford and a Master of Business Administration from Cardiff University.



CANADA

#### Michael Rolland

Former President and Chief Operating Officer, Asia-Pacific, OMERS

Michael Rolland is President and Chief Operating Officer, Asia-Pacific for OMERS, the defined benefit pension plan for municipal employees in Ontario. In this role, Michael oversees and directs OMERS operations, business relationships and growth opportunities managed out of the OMERS Singapore and Australia offices.

Michael joined OMERS in 2000 and since then has pioneered change and driven success across a number of initiatives. Most recently, as OMERS Chief Investment Officer, Private Markets, Michael was directly responsible for spearheading the evolution of OMERS Infrastructure and OMERS Private Equity, and transforming these businesses into leading, global investment operations.

Michael has a diverse background in accounting, commercial finance and a broad range of industry sectors. He holds an Honours degree in Business Administration from the Richard Ivey School of Business at Western University, and is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Professional Accountants (FCPA) of Ontario.

Combining his business experience with his deep commitment to giving back, Michael has served on a variety of public, private, charity and community organization boards, both domestically and internationally.



CANADA

Ian Smith

Chief Executive Officer, Clearwater Fine Food Inc.

Mr. Ian D. Smith is the Chief Executive Officer of Clearwater Seafoods. Smith joined Clearwater in May 2010 bringing to this role over 26 years' of global experience in the food and consumer products industry. Prior to joining Clearwater, Smith held senior leadership positions at Campbell Soup Company in the United States, China and Canada including Vice-President and General Manager of Campbell Soup Company Greater China and Vice-President of Business Development for North America. Prior to Campbell, Smith held positions in marketing, sales and international business development with Allergan, Colgate-Palmolive and the Gillette Company.

Smith is a Board Member of the Business Council of Canada, a member of the Advisory Council for Canada's Global Markets Action Plan for the Ministry of International Trade, a Board Member of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada's Corporate Oversight and Governance Advisory Board, a member of the Board of Governors of Food & Consumer Products of Canada and a Board Member of The Atlantic Provinces Economic Council. Smith is a five-time recipient of Atlantic Business Magazine recognition as a Top 50 CEO in Atlantic Canada.



# Kevin D. Strain

President & Chief Executive Officer, Sun Life

Kevin D. Strain is President & Chief Executive Officer of Sun Life and a member of the company's Board of Directors. Kevin joined Sun Life in 2002 and has since held several senior roles, including Vice-President of Investor Relations for Sun Life's Corporate Office, and Senior Vice-President of Sun Life's Individual Insurance and Investments division in Canada.

In 2012, Kevin assumed the role of President, Sun Life Asia where he was responsible for Sun Life's interests in Asia, including identifying opportunities for growth in the region and managing the company's relationships with its partners. In 2017, Kevin was appointed Chief Financial Officer, responsible for Sun Life's worldwide Finance, Taxation, Capital and Investor Relations, Enterprise Services and Corporate Development business groups.

Kevin is a Chartered Accountant and holds a Master of Accounting degree from the University of Waterloo in Canada. He currently sits on the Board of Directors for Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre and the University of Waterloo Board of Governors.



CANADA

#### Mark Wiseman

Global Investment Manager & Senior Advisor, Hillhouse Capital

Mark Wiseman is a Canadian investment manager and business executive and an industry-leading expert in alternatives and active equity investments. Among his advisory roles with various organizations, Mark serves as the chair of the board of directors of the Alberta Investment Management Corporation, and as a part-time Senior Advisor to Hillhouse Capital and Boston Consulting Group.

Until the end of 2019, he was a Senior Managing Director at BlackRock, Global Head of Active Equities, Chairman of its alternatives business, and Chairman of BlackRock's Global Investment Committee. He also served on BlackRock's Global Executive Committee.

Prior to joining BlackRock in 2016, Mark was President & CEO of the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board (CPPIB). Mark joined CPPIB in June 2005 as the organization's Senior Vice-President, Private Investments. He was later named Executive Vice-President, Investments, responsible for managing all of the investment activities of CPPIB. He was named President & Chief Executive Officer in 2012.

Prior to joining the CPPIB, Mark was responsible for the private equity fund and co-investment program at the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan.

Previously, Mark was an officer with Harrowston Inc., a publicly traded Canadian merchant bank and a lawyer with Sullivan & Cromwell, practicing in New York and Paris. He also served as a law clerk to

Madam Justice Beverley McLachlin at the Supreme Court of Canada.

Born in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Mark holds a Bachelor of Arts from Queen's University and a law degree and Masters in Business Administration from the University of Toronto. He was also a Fulbright Scholar at Yale University, where he obtained a Master of Laws. Mark is a regular lecturer at the Harvard Business School and the University of Toronto, and is an adjunct professor at Tsinghua University.

Mark was a member of the Advisory Council on Economic Growth, which advised the Canadian Finance Minister on economic policies to achieve long-term sustainable growth. He is co-founder and former Chair of the Focusing Capital on the Long Term initiative. Mark also serves on the board of several non-profit organizations, including Alpine Canada, the United Way of Greater Toronto, Sinai Health Services, the Capital Markets Institute and the Dean's Advisory Board at the Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto. He is also a co-founder and Chair of the Century Initiative, an organization dedicated to growing Canada's population. Mark is a certified member of the Canadian Institute of Corporate Directors. Previously, he chaired the United Way of Toronto's 2015 Campaign and Youth Without Shelter and is a past Board Member of Right to Play International and the Canadian Coalition for Good Governance.

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#### **BRUNEI DARUSSALAM**

### Hafimi Abdul Haadii

ABLAC Vice-Chair, Executive Director of LVK Group of Companies

Hafimi Abdul Haadii is from a 3rd generation business family in Brunei Darussalam and currently Executive Director of LVK Group of Companies. Her formative years were spent in Brunei, New Zealand and Australia. She is the Chairperson of Competition Commission of Brunei Darussalam since 2018 and a former Member of the Legislative of Brunei Darussalam from 2017-2022.

She is a founding member of the Young Entrepreneurs Association of Brunei (YEAB) in 2000, and its President from 2012-2013. From 2008-2013 she was part of the team which started the ASEAN-China Young Entrepreneurs Forum with Brunei successfully hosting the 5th edition of the Forum in 2013. Till today the cause of young entrepreneurs remains very much at the core of what Hafimi enjoys outside of her other roles and is an Advisory Member to the YEAB

In 2013 Hafimi was appointed to the APEC Business Advisory Council as a Member for Brunei Darussalam and had several active roles as a Woking Group Chair (2019-2020) & Co-Chair (2017-2018) for ABAC's Micro, Small & Medium Enterprise and Entrepreneurship Working Group and Co-Chair (2015) for Sustainable Development Working Group. She is currently the Chair for ABAC's Inclusion Task Force (2023)

Hafimi is a member of Brunei's Digital Economy Council and currently holds Board positions as well on UBD Corp Sdn Bhd in Brunei and TOQQA Global in Australia.

Within the community, Hafimi chairs the Yayasan Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Foundation's Committee on Social Enterprise Strategy, initiating a living incubation project called "Ristaan Abadi di Kg Bolkiah."

She is an Old Geelong Grammarian and an alumnus of Deakin University holding a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Architecture (Honours) and in 2019 was awarded the medal of P.S.B.( The Most Blessed Order of Setia Negara Brunei-4th Class) by His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam.



Songyee Yoon

President, NCSOFT (Korea) & Chief Executive Officer, NCWEST

Dr. Yoon Songyee provides her visionary leadership as President of NCSOFT (Korea), a global leading video game publisher with more than 4,000 employees. She graduated from the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology and holds a Ph.D. from MIT in Computational Neuroscience based on her research at the MIT Media Lab.

Dr. Yoon's teaching and business focuses on artificial intelligence. Prior to NCSOFT, she was Vice President of Communication Intelligence at SK Telecom, the largest wireless service provider in South Korea, where she led development of the intelligent and personalized data services platform as well as intelligent data services over mobile platforms. She was also instrumental in founding the NCSOFT AI Center, an advanced AI research facility to help further the company's use of AI and machine learning technology.

Additionally, as a chairperson of the NC Cultural Foundation, she actively engages in diverse philanthropic initiatives, including helping refugees through the UNHCR, and developing and distributing Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) systems to improve communications for the disabled.

Dr. Yoon has been recognized by various organizations for her leadership. She was named one of the "Top 50 Women to Watch" by The Wall Street Journal in 2004, "Young Global Leader" by the World Economic Forum in 2006, and a "Young Leader" by the Boao Forum for Asia in 2007.

She is currently a member of the Advisory Council of the Stanford Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence and a board member of The Corporation of Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).



#### **INDONESIA**

#### Muhamad Chatib Basri

Co-Founder and Senior Partner, CReco Research

Muhamad Chatib Basri is the Chairman of the Indonesia Infrastructure Finance and Chairman of PT. XL-Axiata. Perviously he served as Indonesia's Minister of Finance and the Chairman of Indonesia's Investment Coordinating Board.

Dr Basri teaches at the Department of Economics, University Indonesia. He co-founded CReco Research Institute, a Jakarta based economic consulting firm in 2010. He was an independent member of the Asia Pacific Regional Advisory Group of the International Monetary Fund (IMF)-of Asia Pacific. He was alsoma member of the High Level Trade Experts Group co-chaired by Jagdish Bhagwati and Peter Sutherland. He has also acted as a consultant for the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the USAID, AUSAID, OECD and UNCTAD.



#### **INDIA**

#### Hari Bhartia

#### Founder & Co-Chairman, Jubilant Bhartia Group

Hari Bhartia is the Founder and Co-Chairman of Jubilant Bhartia Group (JBG), headquartered in New Delhi, India. JBG has a strong presence in diverse sectors like pharmaceuticals, research and development services, Agri products, food and food services, automotive, and aerospace and oilfield services consulting. Currently, JBG has a global workforce of around 42,000 employees.

Hari is the Co-Chairman and Managing Director of JBG's Jubilant Pharmova Limited, Co-Chairman of the group's Jubilant Ingrevia Limited and Jubilant FoodWorks Limited. The Group, through its investments by Jubilant Pharmova, has a presence in the U.S. and Canada, with around 2,400 employees. Jubilant FoodWorks, another group company, is the master franchisee of Domino's Pizza and Dunkin' Donuts restaurants in India.

A chemical engineering graduate from the Indian Institute of Technology, Hari was conferred the Distinguished Alumni award by his alma mater in 2000. He is a former President of the Confederation of Indian Industry and a member of several educational, scientific, and technological programs of the Government of India. He is a former Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Raipur & Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur. He is currently a Member of the International Advisory Board of McGill University; Chairman of the Board of Governors, Indian Institute of Management,

Visakhapatnam; and Chairman of CII-Jubilant Food & Agriculture Centre of Excellence.

Hari is a member of several CEO forums, including the India-U.S. CEO Forum and the India-France CEO Forum. He is a regular participant at the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting in Davos and is a member of the World Economic Forum's International Business Council; Community of Chairpersons; Global Health and Healthcare Governors Community; and Family Business Community.

Along with his brother Shyam, Hari established Jubilant Bhartia Foundation, whose efforts are directed towards community development with a focus on primary education, basic health care services, and generation programs. He is also deeply involved in the 'Social Entrepreneur of the Year Award – India,' a joint initiative of Jubilant Bhartia Foundation and Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship to recognize promising and successful social entrepreneurs in India.

He is a recipient of the Entrepreneur of the Year Award at the prestigious AIMA Managing India Awards, presented by the President of India, and the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award (Life Sciences and Consumer Products category).

Hari is married to Kavita, a leading fashion designer and retailer. They have a daughter, Aashti and a son, Arjun.



John Cheh

Former Vice-Chair and Chief Executive Officer, Esquel Group

John Cheh was previously at the Esquel Group since 2003, a textile and apparel manufacturer with 55,000 employees in China, Malaysia, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, and Mauritius. Mr. Cheh started his career at the Canadian Government Treasury Board and Privy Council Office in Ottawa, after which he served in economic and trade positions in Beijing, Seoul, and Tokyo with Canada's Department of External Affairs and International Trade. He also worked as the Executive Director of the Canada-China Trade Council from 1986 to 1988.

In 1994, John moved to Hong Kong as the President, Asia, of Bell Canada International,

responsible for strategic telecommuni¬cations investments. In 2001, he became the President of Bombardier China, until he joined Esquel. John received a Bachelor's Degree in Economics and Political Science from McGill University, a PhD. in Economics from MIT, and an Honorary LL.D. from the University of Western Ontario. He is currently a non-executive Vice Chairman of the China Chamber of Commerce for Textile Import and Export, a board member of the International Textile Manufactur¬ers Federation, and a member of the Hong Kong-U.S. Business Council.



#### **SINGAPORE**

# Shirley Crystal Chua

Founder and Group CEO, Golden Equator

Shirley Crystal Chua is Founder and Group CEO of Golden Equator, a holding group of businesses creating value with the elements of Capital, Community, Technology and Learning.

Shirley is known in the industry as a future-focused leader, who is committed to developing solutions for the future while focusing on grooming the next generation of leaders. Through the Group, she builds an innovation ecosystem that fuels meaningful connections, bringing different communities together to amplify opportunities for businesses.

A serial entrepreneur, Shirley has also successfully co-founded each business and fund under Golden Equator, leveraging more than 20 years of experience in finance across private capital, venture capital, and wealth management areas and her natural flair in business building.

Some companies she has created include a multifamily office *Golden Equator Wealth*; venture capital arm *Golden Equator Ventures*; personal finance literacy platform *The Simple Sum*; communitydriven shared workspace *SPECTRUM*; and an app for professional communities *Swish*.

A trusted UHNW family advisor turned entrepreneur-investor, Shirley is deeply involved in the start-up, entrepreneurship and finance communities. She is highly regarded as a seasoned practitioner in these fields and is often sought out by entrepreneurs, UHNW families and business leaders to share her insight.

Since its founding in 2011, Golden Equator has grown within and beyond the finance industry, a testament to her strong business acumen in building agile and sustainable businesses. Shirley advocates for web3 as a mega trend and hopes to establish mainstream adoption of blockchain technology and distributed systems as well as elevate understanding of sound tokenomics, through the Group and its businesses.

A champion for diversity and inclusion, Shirley is also in the Financial Women's Association Singapore's pioneering batch of female champions. She invests in and is actively committed to helping younger female leaders and entrepreneurs as well as youth and NextGen initiatives, through performance coaching, leadership guidance, mentorship, and stretch project initiatives.

Outside of work, Shirley has an adorable little munchkin and a passion for cooking and wine appreciation.

Before becoming an entrepreneur, Shirley spent a decade with Citibank and American Express. While growing up as a young adult, Shirley spent seven years working with teenagers and young adults to help them cope with the challenges of their everyday life through counselling programmes.

Shirley graduated from the National University of Singapore with a Bachelor of Arts and Social Sciences, majoring in Economics and Southeast Asian Studies.



#### SOUTH KOREA

# Tae-young (Ted) Chung

Vice Chairman and CEO, Hyundai Card • Hyundai Commercial

Ted Chung began his career at Hyundai Motor Group by joining Hyundai Corporation in 1987, and was at the helm of the financial companies of the Group from the early 2000s. Mr. Chung drastically overhauled Hyundai Card, which at the time ranked one of the lowest in the card industry, achieving a remarkable feat of seven times growth in market share in just five years of becoming CEO. Hyundai Card has now morphed into a financial tech company with over 10 million members.

He enabled Hyundai Capital to become the largest consumer financing company in Korea and to grow its global presence by successfully entering 13 countries including the U.S., U.K., Germany and China. Hyundai Commercial was transformed into a financing platform company to further strengthen its top position in the industrial financing market.

Mr. Chung achieved successful joint ventures with global companies such as Santander and Fubon Financial Group following a JV with GE in 2005, thereby introducing advanced financial techniques of global companies. Mr. Chung's unprecedented attempts have made Hyundai Card a household name in branding and marketing. With his idea to apply premium cultural benefits to credit cards,

he was directly involved in the design of 29 spaces including Design Library, the first of its kind to be created by a credit card company, and is continuing to invite top artists from around the world to perform on stage through the Hyundai Card Super Concert Series.

He declared transformation into a digital company in 2013, and made huge investments in new digital technologies such as AI, blockchain, and NFT. Mr. Chung recently was the first to open the era of data science based PLCCs (Private Label Credit Card), and created Domain Galaxy, a data alliance among partners, by attracting 18 industry champions from various sectors including retail, mobility, fashion and entertainment.

In 2014, he was awarded a Legion d'Honneur by the French government. The following year, he was bestowed Honorary Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (CBE). In 2019, he received the Montblanc Arts Patronage Award from the Montblanc Cultural Foundation.

He earned a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management in 1987.



Timothy D. Dattels
Partner, TPG, and Chair of TPG Asia

Timothy Dattels is currently a Senior Advisor to TPG Global having served as Partner for TPG, Chairman of TPG Asia and a member of the firm's Executive Committee. In this role, he has been based in San Francisco, Hong Kong and Singapore and led the Asian investment operations. Prior to joining TPG in 2004, Tim served as a Partner and Managing Director of Goldman, Sachs & Co.

He received an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School and a Bachelor of Arts with Honors from the University of Western Ontario. He serves or has served on the Boards of Directors of Cushman & Wakefield, BlackBerry, Invest in Canada, Parkway Holdings, Primedia Inc., Shangri-La Asia Ltd., Sing Tao News Corporation Ltd., and SFJazz. Tim is currently Chairman of The Jackson Laboratory and the Chairman of Alpine Canada, the national governing body for para-alpine, ski cross, and alpine high-performance ski racing in Canada. He has also been appointed by Prime Minister Trudeau to represent Canada on the APEC Business Advisory Council. In addition, he recently joined the Board of Sagard Holdings, a Montreal-based dynamic alternative asset manager.



HONG KONG

# Joseph S. Fung

Managing Partner, Saltagen Ventures

Joseph Fung has worked at the crossroads of business execution and strategic development as an investor, entrepreneur, and operator since 2002. Based in Hong Kong, Joseph manages and operates a venture capital fund house focusing on life sciences, material sciences, agricultural technology, clean technology, and education. He actively spearheads public-private institutional support from Canada and Hong Kong to help startups successfully develop opportunities on a global scale.

Joseph Fung is also the founder and managing director of Fairchild Canadian Academy (FCA). FCA is a group of schools focusing on inquiry-based early childhood education in Hong Kong. In addition to serving students aged seven or younger, FCA is a research leader in curricular and professional development with Simon Fraser University, University of British Columbia, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Baptist University, and The Education University of Hong Kong.

A notable responsibility includes being appointed by Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in ABAC to represent Canada in APEC with the support of the Minister of Trade and Global Affairs Canada. Joseph is the Chair of Food Systems & Security and Co-Chair of Sustainability in APEC Business Advisory Council. Joseph is also the Hong Kong ABLAC representative for the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada, the innovation and technology chair for the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong, the advisory board member of Creative Destruction Labs Global, the management board director of Versitech under the University of Hong Kong, and the board director of Saint George's School.

Prior to leading Saltagen Ventures and FCA, Joseph served at Citigroup Alternative Investments and Morgan Stanley in the buy-side divisions. Thereafter, he drove the expansion of Hong Kong's largest quad-play media company, PCCW Media, in developing their overseas content acquisition and broadcasting departments. Joseph is an alumnus of St. George's School and Cornell University. Outside of work, Joseph enjoys spending time with his daughters, is a certified ski instructor, and a rescue and technical scuba diver.



#### **INDIA**

# N Ganapathy Subramaniam

COO & Executive Director, Tata Consultancy Services

N. Ganapathy Subramaniam (NGS) is the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of TCS since February 2017. He is also an Additional Director and Chairman of Tata Elxsi Limited since November, 2014.

Prior to taking over the COO's role he served as the Executive Vice President and Head of TCS Financial

Solutions, a strategic business unit of TCS. In that role, he was responsible for steering the non-linear growth strategies, Products and Platform businesses of TCS for over five years.



Tatsuji Hidaka

President and Chief Executive Officer, Mitsui & Co. (Canada) Ltd.

As President of Mitsui Canada, Mr. Hidaka is responsible for the strategy and operations of Mitsui & Co. in Canada, overseeing two Canadian offices. His responsibilities include developing the company's growth strategy and developing new businesses and industrial partnerships, enhancing Mitsui's local presence and social contributions (CSR), and providing global functional support. In addition, he is currently serving as a director on the board of Toyota Canada Inc.

Mr. Hidaka's expertise is management of automotive distributors and dealerships. Over his career at Mitsui, Mr. Hidaka assumed various executive roles such as the president of Toyota Chile from 2002 to 2010, the area distributor of Toyota vehicles, and the president of Mitsui Automotriz, the #1 Toyota dealership group in Peru, from 2013

to 2018. In addition, Mr. Hidaka supported the Japan-Chile Free Trade Agreement negotiations as a representative of Japanese companies in Chile in 2007. Prior to his current role, Mr. Hidaka was the operating officer of Mitsui's mobility division, overseeing automobiles, trucks, construction machinery, passenger railway, and next generation businesses of the entire Mitsui mobility portfolio.

With over 30 years of experience at Mitsui as a devoted automotive business expert, Mr. Hidaka currently oversees Mitsui Canada's steel, mobility, chemical, natural resources, energy & mineral resources, and food business departments as well as corporate functions. He graduated from the School of Political Science and Economics at Waseda University in Tokyo, Japan.



**PHILIPPINES** 

#### Doris Ho

President and Chief Executive Officer, Magsaysay Group of Companies

Ms. Doris Magsaysay Ho is President and CEO of the Magsaysay Group of Companies, which is involved in shipping, human resources, and business process outsourcing services. Magsaysay Transport and Logistics Group operates in the Philippine trade with container liner and tanker services. Its affiliate, Fairmont Shipping Limited, based in Hong Kong and Vancouver, operates in the international dry bulk trade. Magsaysay expanded from its roots in shipping to people resource

providers. The company prepares its people for a diverse range of positions for the maritime, cruise, health care, hospitality, engineering, and other industries. Magsaysay has received the Best in Education and Training Award and the Corporate Social Responsibility Award twice from the Seatrade Asia Awards. It has also received the Corporate Social Responsibility Award from the Asian CSR Awards and the ASEAN Business Advisory Council. Ms. Ho is a member of ABAC Philippines.



**CHINA** 

## Lan Kang

Head of Portfolio Management, Managing Director, CBC Group

Lan Kang is a well-rounded business leader with global and cross-sector experiences. She is currently Head of Portfolio Management, Managing Director, CBC Group - one of Asia's largest and most active healthcare-dedicated private equity funds. At her position as Executive Board Director and Senior Vice-president of Fosun International, Chairperson and President of Fosun Insurance Business, Lan led the development and implementation of strategy, mergers and acquisitions, as well as post-investment management of eight insurance companies globally. When Lan joined Fosun in 2010, she first served as Chief Human Resources Officer, responsible for HR strategy development, HR policy and process improvement, as well as performance management and incentive scheme development in the company. She was instrumental in helping Fosun expand globally and driving the "glocal" talent strategy, focusing on developing

the corporate culture of entrepreneurship and partnership.

Prior to joining Fosun, Lan was a Senior Client Partner at Korn/Ferry International (KF). She successfully developed a life sciences practice for KF in mainland China, providing executive search and leadership assessment and HR consulting to both multinational and local Chinese clients. Prior to that, she spent close to five years as a management consultant at McKinsey & Company in China. She also worked as a research scientist in oncology in her early career.

Lan obtained her MBA with honours from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. She obtained a Bachelor's degree in Biological Science and Technology from Zhejiang University in China, and a Master's degree in Chemistry from Tulane University, Louisiana.



# Michael ByungJu Kim

Founder & Partner, MBK Partners

Michael ByungJu Kim is a Partner and one of the founders of MBK Partners. Prior to MBK Partners, Mr. Kim was President of Carlyle Asia Partners, responsible for overseeing Carlyle's buyout activities in the Asia-Pacific region (outside of Japan). Mr. Kim was also a member of The Carlyle Group's Management Committee. Before Carlyle, Mr. Kim was Managing Director and COO of Asia-Pacific Investment Banking for Salomon Smith

Barney and an Executive Director at Goldman Sachs & Co. Mr. Kim has a BA with Honors from Haverford College, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and an MBA from Harvard Business School. He was also a Fulbright Scholar.

He serves on the boards of trustees of the MBK Scholarship Foundation, Haverford College, The Metropolitan Museum of Art and Carnegie Hall.



#### **CHINA**

## Kenny Lam

Chief Executive Officer, Two Sigma Asia Pacific

Kenny Lam is CEO of Two Sigma Asia Pacific, overseeing all of Two Sigma in Asia with offices in Tokyo, Shanghai, and Hong Kong. At assets under management of more than US\$58 billion, Two Sigma is one of the world's largest systematic investment firms and recognized as a pioneer in applying advanced technologies and data science in financial services.

Prior to this, Mr. Lam was the group president of Noah Holdings Limited, oversaw management and operations at Noah, and was responsible for driving all key strategic initiatives in China and abroad. Before joining Noah Holdings, Mr. Lam was

a global senior partner at McKinsey & Company in Hong Kong, a co-leader of the firm's Asian financial institutions practice, and head of its Asian private banking and wealth management practice.

Mr. Lam graduated with an MA (Honours) in law from Oxford University and magna cum laude with a BS in finance from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, where he was a Joseph Wharton Scholar and a Benjamin Franklin Scholar. He is frequently interviewed by global and local media, including Bloomberg, CNN and the *Financial Times*, and is often a featured speaker at global financial conferences.



Winston Leong
Fontana Enterprises Ltd.

With experience gained in law, investment banking, and private equity, Winston Leong has over the years acquired stakes in a range of primarily Asiabased private businesses operating in sectors that include agriculture, information technology, real estate as well as water treatment.

He is currently a director and shareholder of various private companies with operations in Canada, Greater China, Indonesia, Japan, Singapore or Vietnam. Winston's community service in the past had included directorship of Ocean Park

Corporation, membership of the advisory council of the Hong Kong University of Science & Technology, and chairmanship of the Hong Kong Public Key Infrastructure Forum.

He qualified to practice law in England and Wales, the State of New York, and the Province of British Columbia, and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics and law from the University of Cambridge as well as a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of British Columbia.



Shan Li
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Silk Road
Financing Corporation

Dr. Shan Li is Chairman and CEO of Silk Road Finance Corporation, Vice Chairman of Silk Road Planning Research Center, Chairman and CEO of ChinastoneCapital, and Executive President of the Institute for Governance Studies at Tsinghua University. He was Chief International Business Adviser of China Development Bank, Asia-Vice-Chairman of UBS investment bank, and CEO of Bank of China International Holdings. Prior to joining BOCI, Dr. Li was Managing Director and Head of China investment banking at Lehman

Brothers, and Executive Director of investment banking and economic research at Goldman Sachs. He is also a co-founder of Soufun.com, a leading real estate portal listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

Mr. Li holds a B.Eng. in management information systems from Tsinghua University, an MA in economics from University of California at Davis and a PhD in economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



# Catherine Livingstone

Former Chairman, Commonwealth Bank of Australia

Catherine Livingstone is the former Chairman of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, and a Director of Saluda Medical Pty Ltd and the Australian Ballet, and Chancellor of UTS. Catherine is a member of the CSIRO Australia Telescope National Facility Advisory Board.

Previously, Catherine was Chairman of Telstra Corporation, CSIRO and the Australian Business Foundation, Director of WorleyParsons and Macquarie Bank Ltd, President of the Business Council of Australia, President of the Australian Museum and Chief Executive Women. She started her career with Price Waterhouse, and then spent nearly 20 years in the field of implantable medical devices, including six years as CEO of Cochlear Ltd.

Catherine is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia, the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering, the Australian Institute of Company Directors and the Australian Academy of Science. In 2003 Catherine was awarded the Centenary Medal and in 2008 she was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia.



#### **INDONESIA**

#### Veronica Lukito

Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, Ancora Capital Management

Veronica Lukito is the Founder & CEO of Berkeley Investment Asia, an investment firm managing family, office, and institutional funds across asset classes, including venture, real estate, and alternative finance. Since 2015, Veronica has served as a member of the International Reference Group, which advises Australia's DFAT on the Innovation Exchange.

Veronica previously founded Ancora Capital Management, where she was the CEO and Managing Director for seven years. Ancora is an Indonesia-focused private equity fund management firm founded in 2007. Since then, Ancora and its predecessor entities have invested close to \$US400 million, primarily in natural resources, consumerrelated and similar businesses, and special situations.

In addition to establishing a type of business still distinctively new to Indonesia, Veronica was involved in setting up various investee companies for the firm's investments in plantation, health care, and education. With a breadth of experience on the ground, she is deeply knowledgeable of Indonesia's intricate investment and startup environments.

Before becoming an entrepreneur and private equity investor, Veronica was a vice-president in the investment banking division at J.P. Morgan in Indonesia and handled client relationships and sourced and executed numerous transactions encompassing financing, acquisitions, and corporate restructuring deals. Prior to JP Morgan, Veronica spent two years at Indosat, the second-largest telecommunication operator in Indonesia.

Veronica started her career in investment banking as an assistant vice-president at PT Bahana Securities, which was the de-facto partner of Goldman Sachs in Indonesia. Veronica also spent three years as a corporate and credit banker at Citibank N.A. in Jakarta, handling top-tier Indonesian conglomerate relationships. Veronica earned Bachelor's in Business Administration from the Haas School of Business at the University of California, Berkeley. She also completed the Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School.

Veronica was named one of the 10 Inspiring Women by *Forbes Indonesia* in 2013 and Asia's Power Business Women by *Forbes Asia* in 2014.



# Kaori (Mick) Namiki

President and Chief Executive Officer, Mitsubishi Canada Ltd.

Kaori (Mick) Namiki is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Mitsubishi Canada Ltd., a Canadian operation of Mitsubishi Corporation, Japan's largest integrated business enterprise. Mitsubishi Corporation operates businesses together with over 200 bases of operations in approximately 90 countries worldwide, as well as a global network of around 1,700 group companies.

Under Mick's leadership, Mitsubishi's Canadian operation continues to develop and promote traditional and new businesses for Canada and Japan, focusing on the areas such as Energy/ Natural Resources (LNG, Hydrogen/Ammonia/CCS and Iron Ore, etc.) and innovation (cultivation of startsups and new technologies).

Mick graduated from Waseda University in Tokyo with a Bachelor of Economics in 1991, and started

his career at Mitsubishi Corporation. He has been engaged in trading and investment mainly in the mineral resources sector during his career of over 30 years and stationed in Shanghai (China) from 1999 to 2006, and Jakarta (Indonesia) from 2017 to 2020, in addition to Tokyo and Nagoya (Japan), before arriving in Canada in June 2020.

Mick speaks Japanese and English, and conversational Chinese (Mandarin) and Bahasa Indonesia. He currently serves on the Boards of Directors of Japanese Business Association of Vancouver (Konwakai) and Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre, and lives in Vancouver with his wife.



Cong Phan
Chairman, Unibrands

Dr. Cong Phan is a Canadian serial entrepreneur with businesses throughout Southeast Asia. He is the Chairman of UniBrands – a group of leading private companies in natural personal care, biological nanotechnology, and technological distribution systems in Vietnam. Cong has served as a board member of several reputable companies such as Mobile World (electronic retail), PNJ (jewelry retail), Traphaco (herbal pharmaceutical), Saigon Food, Mekong Capital (private equity), Wakamono (biotech), One Solution Technology, and An Cuong Furniture.

Cong spent 10 years working for Nestle, SmithKline Beecham, and Electrolux as a Sales and Marketing

Director before founding his own company, International Consumer Products (ICP), in 2002. Four years later, by 2006, Cong had transformed this small startup into the leading local personal care company in Vietnam.

Cong and his family currently reside in Toronto, Canada. He has received national medals such as "For Younger Generations" and "For Sports Development," and business awards such as Ernst & Young's "Entrepreneur of The Year" in 2014 for Vietnam. Cong is currently a member of YPO (Young Presidents Organization), CEO (Chief Executive Organization), and is an Eisenhower fellow.



#### **INDIA**

# Abanti Sankaranarayanan

Chief Group Public Affairs Officer & Member of the Group Executive Board, Mahindra Group

Abanti Sankaranarayanan is Chief Group Public Affairs Officer and a Member of the Group Executive Board of the Mahindra Group, one of the world's largest multinational federation of companies with a turnover of more than US\$19B, 260,000 employees, and manufacturing and R&D facilities in more than 100 countries. Mahindra is India's leading SUV manufacturer and the world's largest tractor company by volume and enjoys a leadership position in information technology and financial services in India. It has a strong presence in renewable energy, agriculture, logistics, hospitality, and real estate.

Prior to joining Mahindra, Abanti was Head of the Strategy and Corporate Affairs function at Diageo India and a member of its Executive Committee. Her responsibilities included Alcohol Policy, Regulatory & Trade matters, Market Access, Corporate Communications & Reputation, and programs to address alcohol misuse, champion responsible consumption, and deliver Social Impact. As head of Strategy, she led the strategy development and execution for Diageo's business in India. Prior to this, Abanti was Managing Director, Diageo India Pvt Ltd, leading Diageo's business mandate for international spirits in

India. Abanti joined Diageo in June 2010 as the Marketing and Innovation Director responsible for building Diageo's iconic global brands like Johnnie Walker, Smirnoff, VAT 69, and Cîroc. Prior to Diageo, Abanti served as a member of the Tata Administrative Service (TAS) cadre since 1992 and held key roles managing some of the best-known consumer brands of the Tata Group in India, United Kingdom, and the United States. In her 17-year career with the Tata group, Abanti worked across various companies, such as Tata Global Beverages, London, the Taj Group of Hotels in Mumbai and New York, and Tata Housing and Tata Finance in Mumbai.

Abanti's contributions to business have been recognized by Fortune India (The Most Powerful Women in Business; 2012, 2014, 2015 and 2016), IMPACT (50 Most Influential Women in Media, Marketing and Advertising; 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017), India Today (India's 25 Most Influential Women, 2013) and Fast Company, New York (100 Most Creative People in Business, 2012). Abanti is an Economics Graduate from St. Stephen's College, Delhi, and an MBA from the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad.



Shunichi Shibanuma

Senior Executive Officer, SIGMAXYZ

Shunichi Shibanuma is a Senior Executive Officer of SIGMAXYZ, a leading consulting company in Japan. At SIGMAXYZ, he leverages his years of experience in consulting, digital transformation, and investment to support both startups and large companies to create new businesses. Serving some of Japan's leading corporates, SIGMAXYZ has a powerful ecosystem of industry partners. Shunichi is a director of portfolio companies SX Capital and JTB benefit, and has also been appointed as a member of governmental committees for Energy Technology, particularly related to the power generation industry.

Shunichi began his career at the Bank of Japan, then worked at McKinsey & Company's Tokyo office, executed a management buyout of Kazaka Security as an executive officer and, most recently, as a Senior Executive officer of SIGMAXYZ, led the company's listing on the Tokyo Stock exchange.

He holds an MBA from Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, and a BA in Economics from Tokyo University. He is also a professor at Globis, a leading business school in Japan. Shunichi is committed to social change of the Japanese Women's Leadership Initiative, by the Fish Family Foundation, and provides executive follow-up coaching.



**SINGAPORE** 

#### Chin Hwee Tan

Chief Executive Officer, Asia-Pacific & Middle East, Trafigura; Chairman, SGTRADEX

Chin Hwee Tan joined Trafigura as the Chief Executive Officer for Asia-Pacific with the responsibility for continuing the growth of Trafigura's business across the region.

Chin Hwee, also SGTRADEX Chairman, brings two decades of experience in management and financial roles, most recently as the founder of the Asian operations of Apollo Global Management LLC. He was voted by the Hedge Fund Journal as one of the emerging top 40 absolute return investors globally and also named for managing the Best Asia Credit

Hedge Fund by The Asset. He is also the winner of the Distinguished Financial Industry Certified Professional (FICP) Award from the Singapore government and winner of the World Outstanding Young Chinese Entrepreneurs Award 2015.

Prior to joining Apollo, Chin Hwee was a Managing Director at Amaranth Advisors LLC, an American multi-strategy hedge fund responsible for identifying and evaluating public and private investment opportunities across the capital structure across Asia.



#### HONG KONG

#### Dieter Turowski

Chairman of Asia-Pacific Investment Banking, Morgan Stanley

Dieter Turowski is Chairman of Asia-Pacific Investment Banking for Morgan Stanley. He joined Morgan Stanley 35 years ago in the Toronto office; he has also worked in New York, London, Frankfurt, and for the last ten years, Hong Kong. In his current capacity, Dieter is primarily focused on advising the firm's most important clients across the Asia Pacific region, with a particular focus on Asian and global multinationals, private equity firms, and family businesses. In 2022, he advised on the largest IPO globally for a Korean client. Prior to his current role, Dieter was co-head of the Asia-Pacific Investment Banking Division from 2013 to 2017. In the four years he ran this division, Morgan Stanley's revenue, profitability, and league table position increased significantly, with the firm moving to a #1 position in both mergers & acquisitions and equity issuance over the course of four years.

Prior to moving to Hong Kong, Dieter was based in London where he was co-head of Morgan

Stanley's Global Natural Resources Group during the commodities boom. In addition to managing the group, he also advised on several inbound investments in to Canada. From 2008 to 2010, Dieter ran the European M&A and restructuring practice, which was an interesting challenge in the aftermath of the great financial crisis. Prior to 2008, Dieter held various roles including Head of European Technology M&A, Head of German M&A, and Chief Operating Officer for European Investment Banking.

Dieter is both a Canadian and British citizen. He graduated with distinction from the University of Waterloo with a BASc in Systems Design Engineering, and has an MBA from Harvard University where he was both a Baker Scholar and a Loeb Fellow. Outside of Morgan Stanley, Dieter sits on the Asia Advisory Board for Room to Read.



Yukako Uchinaga

Chairperson and Representative Director of Japan Women's Innovative Network (J-WIN) & Chief Executive Officer, Global Research Institute

Yukako Uchinaga began her career in 1971 at IBM Japan, where she held several positions in development, marketing and management. She was elected to the board of directors of IBM Japan in 1995. She had been Chairman of the Board, CEO & President of Berlitz Corp. & Director and Executive Vice President of Benesse Holdings, Inc. from 2008 until March 2013. Ms. Uchinaga is currently board chair of J-Win (Japan Women's Innovative Network), a non-profit organization that promotes diversity in workplace. Ms. Uchinaga started her own company called GRI (Globalization Research Institute Co., Ltd) in September 2013.

Ms. Uchinaga also established the 'Japan Diversity Network' (JDN) association in April 2014. In 1999, she became the first woman from outside the United States to be inducted into the Women in Technology International (WITI) Hall of Fame. In 2006, she was honoured by the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) with the Upward Mobility Award. She was awarded the 'Prime Minister's Commendation for Efforts Toward the Formation of a Gender-Equal Society' in June 2013.



# Diane Wang

Founder and Chief Executive Officer, DHgate.com

Diane Wang is the Founder and CEO of DHgate. com. Founded in 2004, DHgate is China's first cross-border B2B e-commerce marketplace. By connecting Micro, Small and Medium sized retailers from every corner of the world with high quality manufacturers, DHgate.com takes a stand for a more equal world trade, upholds diversity and creativity.

After 14 years of development, DHgate.com has accumulated over 1.9 million Chinese suppliers, to serve over 19 million global buyers, from 222 countries and regions, with more than 13 million product listings.

Diane started her career working for Microsoft and Cisco. She was the youngest senior manager of Microsoft in China region, and the only female on the Cisco management team, where she was credited with leading the "Best Team in Asia".

In 1999, Diane, as part of the first generation of e-commerce entrepreneurs in China, co-founded and served as the first CEO of the first B2C e-commerce transactional platform in China, Joyo. com. Joyo became the largest B2C marketplace in China, and was acquired by Amazon in 2004 as their founding operation in China.



#### **AUSTRALIA**

#### Jennifer Westacott

Chief Executive Officer, Business Council of Australia

The Business Council of Australia is the nation's premier business organisation, advocating for a stronger and fairer society through a more prosperous Australia. Jennifer Westacott AO has served as Chief Executive of the Business Council of Australia since 2011, bringing a unique combination of extensive policy experience in both the public and private sectors.

Under her leadership, the Business Council tirelessly champions meaningful policies that strengthen the ability of businesses to grow the economy for the benefit of all Australians.

Jennifer built her career in the public sector, working in senior leadership positions in the NSW and Victorian governments. She has served as the Director General of the NSW Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources; the Secretary of the Victorian Department of Education and Training; and the Director of Housing in Victoria.

She was also the Deputy Director General of the NSW Department of Community Services, and the Deputy Director General of the NSW Department of Housing. As a senior partner at KPMG, Jennifer advised major corporations on climate change and sustainability and advised governments across Australia on significant reform priorities. She has

an unrivalled understanding of how the public and private sectors intersect and can work together to achieve the best outcomes in the national interest.

Since 2013, Jennifer has served as a Non-Executive Director of Wesfarmers Limited.

She is the Chair of the Western Parkland City
Authority (previously known as the Western City
& Aerotropolis Authority), which is overseeing
the design and delivery of the Western Sydney
Aerotropolis, as well as integrated delivery across
the Western Parkland City, a region comprising 38
per cent of Greater Sydney's area.

Jennifer is an Adjunct Professor at the City Futures Research Centre of the University of NSW and also serves as a member of the UNSW Council. She is the inaugural Chair of the Board of Studio Schools of Australia, a patron of Mental Health Australia, the Co-Patron of Pride in Diversity, and a patron of the Pinnacle Foundation.

In 2018, Jennifer was made an Officer (AO) in the General Division of the Order of Australia.

She has a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) from the University of New South Wales and in 2017 received an Honorary Degree (Doctor of Letters) from her alma mater. She was a Chevening Scholar at the London School of Economics.



HONG KONG

#### John Witt

Group Managing Director, Jardine Matheson Holdings Limited

John Witt was appointed Group Managing
Director of Jardine Matheson Holdings Limited
on June 15, 2020. He has been with the Jardine
Matheson Group since 1993, holding a number
of senior positions. He became Chief Financial
Officer of Mandarin Oriental in 2000, and moved
to Hongkong Land as Chief Financial Officer in
2010. Between 2016 to 2020, he was Group Finance
Director of Jardine Matheson.

Born in Ottawa, Canada, Mr. Witt qualified as a chartered accountant in Ontario following his undergraduate studies at the University of Toronto (Trinity College). He subsequently earned an MBA from INSEAD, with Distinction. Mr. Witt is married with four children.

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Melissa Kennedy\*



## The Honourable Pierre Pettigrew

Chair of the Board, Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada, and Executive Advisor, International, Deloitte Canada

Pierre Pettigrew has many years of leadership experience in both the public and private sectors. Currently, Mr. Pettigrew is executive advisor, International, at Deloitte Canada. Until recently, he was the Government of Canada's special envoy for the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) and regularly arbitrates international trade disputes between countries at the World Trade Organization in Geneva.

His public sector accomplishments have been substantial at both the federal and provincial levels,

where he was a strong advocate for international trade and multilateralism. He was elected as a member of Parliament in March 1996 and held many ministerial portfolios during the following 10 years, including minister of Foreign Affairs, minister for International Trade and minister for International Cooperation. Additionally, Mr. Pettigrew is the author of *The New Politics of Confidence*, a book on globalization and the art of governing.



## Melissa Kennedy

Executive Vice-President, Chief Legal Officer & Public Affairs, Sun Life Financial

Melissa Kennedy leads Sun Life's legal, compliance, government relations, and corporate secretary functions, and is the Executive Sponsor of Sustainability. Through proactive partnership and ensuring optimal governance, Melissa and her teams guide the company to deliver on its purpose to help clients achieve lifetime financial security and live healthier lives.

Melissa joined Sun Life in 2014 with a breadth of experience spanning private practice, regulatory, and in-house roles. Prior to joining Sun Life, she was Senior Vice-President, General Counsel and Corporate Affairs, for the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan. Melissa started her career in private practice, followed by roles as head of the prosecution team at the Ontario Securities Commission and as Vice-President, Associate General Counsel, at CIBC.

A passionate advocate for diversity and inclusion, Melissa is a founding member of Legal Leaders for Diversity and Inclusion, a group of Canadian General Counsel that promotes Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the legal community. In 2012, Melissa received the General Counsel of the Year Award and in 2016, The Women's Executive Network recognized her as one of Canada's Most Powerful Women. In 2017, Melissa received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of Toronto and in 2019, Chambers and Partners recognized her as one of Canada's 15 Most Influential General Counsel. In 2020, she was honoured by The Directors' Roundtable with World Recognition of Distinguished General Counsel.

### About APF Canada À propos de la FAP Canada

The Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada (APF Canada) is a not-for-profit organization focused on Canada's relations with Asia. Our mission is to be Canada's catalyst for engagement with Asia and Asia's bridge to Canada.

APF Canada is dedicated to strengthening ties between Canada and Asia with a focus on seven thematic areas.

- Business Asia
- Perspectives Asia
- Strategic Asia
- · Digital Asia
- · Engaging Asia
- Sustainable Asia
- · Education Asia

Our research provides high-quality, relevant, and timely information, insights, and perspectives on Canada-Asia relations. Providing policy considerations and business intelligence for stakeholders across the Asia Pacific, our work includes Reports, Policy Briefs, Case Studies, Dispatches, Digital Media, and a regular Asia Watch newsletter that together support these thematic areas.

La Fondation Asie Pacifique du Canada (« la Fondation ») est une organisation à but non lucratif consacrée aux relations du Canada avec l'Asie. Sa mission consiste à servir de catalyseur et de trait d'union dans les relations entre l'Asie et le Canada. La Fondation a pour rôle de renforcer les liens entre le Canada et l'Asie, en se concentrant particulièrement sur les secteurs relevant de sept thématiques.

- Commerce avec l'asie
- Perspectives sur l'Asie
- L'Asie stratégique
- · L'Asie numérique
- Renforcer les liens avec l'Asie
- Durabilité en Asie
- Éducation

Notre recherche fournit des renseignements, des aperçus et des points de vue de grande qualité, pertinents et opportuns, sur les relations entre le Canada et l'Asie. Notre travail consiste à fournir des réflexions sur les politiques et des veilles économiques aux parties prenantes dans toute la région Asie-Pacifique, à l'aide de rapports, de notes de synthèse, d'études de cas, des médias numériques de dépêches et d'un bulletin d'information régulier intitulé Asia Watch. Ensemble, ces éléments soutiennent ces secteurs thématiques.

