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## 2016 IIAC TOP UNDER 40 AWARD PANEL JUDGES ANNOUNCED

**Toronto, ON, May 25, 2016**—The *IIAC Top Under 40 Award* recognizes and celebrates the new generation of highly motivated and talented young professionals whose accomplishments and personal and professional qualities have brought distinction to the investment and financial industry.

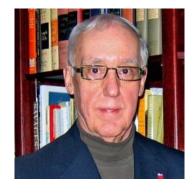
The IIAC and Smarten Up Institute are pleased to announce the panel of distinguished judges for the 2016 IIAC Top Under 40 Award:



#### **Christiane Bergevin**

**Ms. Bergevin** has held many senior positions in business and finance including President of SNC Lavalin Capital Inc., and Executive Vice President, Mouvement Desjardins/Desjardins Group. She is active on many public and private boards and mentors women in business.

"What a superb accomplishment! An extraordinary recognition of sheer talent! This is such a unique award, a truly distinctive mark on the resumes of its recipients. I encourage people to nominate a deserving individual for the award."



## Chair, Dr. Milton McClaren

**Dr. McClaren is** Emeritus Professor and Cohort Supervisor, Doctoral Program, Simon Fraser University. He has been chair of the judging panel since the Award's inception and is impressed at the outstanding quality and dedication of the nominees each year.

"The IIAC Top Under 40 Award is an important contribution to recognizing highly talented young people who work in financial and investment services. The Award process publicizes and shares models of successful career development and demonstrates the commitment of many members of this industry to lifelong learning in order to remain up to date and relevant to the needs of their clients. It also celebrates the contributions of these professionals to their communities as active volunteers and members of a range of service organizations."



### The Honorable Joe Oliver, PC

Hon. Joe Oliver, PC, had a distinguished career in the investment industry including as President & CEO of the Investment Dealers Association of Canada. He went on to become Canada's Minister of Finance. He now advises an economic think tank, is Chair of the Advisory Board of Origin Merchant Partners and sits on public boards.

"The IIAC Top Under 40 Award recognizes the best of the best in an industry that is central to a fair and competitive capital market, which in turn fosters Canada's long-term prosperity. The IIAC and Smarten Up Institute should be congratulated for supporting this important initiative."

"The IIAC Top Under 40 Award continues to build on the success of each year's excellent nominees and winners. This year is no exception. We lead by example in ensuring this prestigious Award is reflective of the diversity in our national financial community," said Ian Russell, IIAC President and CEO.

"This distinguished panel of judges were chosen because they embody the values of the IIAC Top Under 40 Award—drive, dedication and distinction. They represent the different regions of Canada and bring diverse backgrounds including academia, business and government," said Laurie Clark, President and CEO, Smarten Up Institute.

The 2016 IIAC Top Under 40 Award recipient will be announced at the Judges' Reception on October 27, 2016 in Toronto.

For more information about the Award, or to nominate a deserving individual, visit the IIAC or Smarten Up Institute websites. Nominations are due by 5:00 p.m. ET on May 31, 2016.

The 2016 IIAC Top-Under-40 Award is proudly supported by:







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