

## **Women in Capital Markets Announces 2015 Leadership and Rising Star Award Recipients**

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TORONTO, Nov 5, 2015 - Women in Capital Markets (WCM) and title sponsor EY today announced the 2015 winners of the WCM Rising Star Award and Awards for Leadership during a luncheon held at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel.

The WCM Award for Leadership, now in its ninth year, recognizes senior executives, male and female, who have combined professional excellence with a demonstrated commitment to advancing and supporting women in capital markets. The Award for Leadership – Male was presented to Mark Wiseman, President and CEO, CPP Investment Board, and the Award for Leadership – Female was presented to Kirsten Kennedy, Managing Director, Canada Investor Sales, BMO Capital Markets.

In its sixth year, the WCM Rising Star Award honours an individual who is a high-performing role model in the workplace and has made a lasting contribution by providing inspirational leadership and mentorship to young women in the industry. The winner of the 2015 WCM Rising Star Award is Rachel Megitt, Director, Global Initiatives, RBC Capital Markets.

“Great role models and senior-level sponsorship are critical to creating the environment and opportunities for the advancement of women into leadership roles in business,” says Jennifer Reynolds, President and CEO, WCM. “Today’s award recipients demonstrate an ongoing commitment to these two vital elements for women to succeed in the financial industry and I am delighted to recognize them today.”

The luncheon also included a presentation by keynote speaker Marnie McBean, one of Canada’s most decorated Olympians, member of Canada’s Sports Hall of Fame and Officer of the Order of Canada. The three-time Olympic Gold Medalist and expert in turning potential into performance spoke to guests about her personal experience setting and achieving goals, in sports and in life. Marnie’s passion for empowering young women is demonstrated in her role as an ambassador for Fast and Female and Plan Canada’s Because I am a Girl initiative.

### **About WCM**

WCM is the largest network of professional women in the Canadian financial sector and the voice of advocacy for women in our industry. WCM is committed to the advancement of women in business and to increasing the number women in senior leadership roles in the Canadian economy. We work with our partners, members and the broader public to promote initiatives which successfully increase women's representation and impact in the boardrooms and executive suites of the financial industry and corporate Canada more broadly. [www.wcm.ca](http://www.wcm.ca)

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