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## **Women's Executive Network (WXN) Announces Canada's Most Powerful Women: Top 100 Award Winners**

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*As a proud WXN collaborator, KPMG is proud to help develop iconic female leaders*

TORONTO, Nov. 22, 2018 /CNW/ - The list of Canada's Most Powerful Women: Top 100 Award Winners presented by KPMG, was released today paying tribute to the outstanding women across Canada who have advocated for diversity in the workforce, and who serve as an inspiration for the next generation of leaders.



*Canada's Most Powerful Women: Top 100 Award Winners (CNW Group/Women's Executive Network)*

"We are celebrating 110 of Canada's highest achieving women in diverse fields," said Sherri Stevens, CEO of WXN. "All 110 are role models for the generations who will follow – which is why it's very important to recognize and celebrate their great achievements."

The Top 100 Awards span the private, public and not-for-profit sectors, with the initial candidates selected by WXN's Diversity Council. The final vetting process for the 2018 Top 100 Award Winners was completed by WXN's 2017-2018 Diversity Champions.

"KPMG is proud to support the work of WXN and celebrate the country's most powerful women," said Elio Luongo, CEO and Senior Partner, KPMG in Canada. "An inclusive Canada is key to our strength and success as a nation. It is imperative that we break down barriers and create the necessary conditions and opportunities for women to thrive and succeed in leadership positions."

Past Award Winners includes Canada's most iconic women trailblazers: Margaret Atwood, best-selling author, Dr. Roberta Bondar, astronaut, Arlene Dickinson, chief executive officer, Venture Communications, Christine Magee, president, Sleep Country Canada, Michaëlle Jean, former governor general of Canada, Heather Reisman, founder and CEO, Indigo Books & Music, and Kathleen Taylor, chair of the board, Royal Bank of Canada.

The awards are presented to remarkable women in ten different categories:

- BMO Arts, Sports and Entertainment
- RBC Champions
- Accenture Corporate Directors
- HSBC Corporate Executives
- Mercedes-Benz Emerging Leaders
- Entrepreneurs
- TELUS Future Leaders
- KPMG Professionals
- PwC Public Sector Leaders
- CIBC Trailblazers & Trendsetters

There have also been ten women inducted into WXN's Top 100 Hall of Fame:

- Ulrike Bahr-Gedalia, President & CEO, Digital Nova Scotia
- Christiane Bergevin, Past Chair of the Board, Canadian Chamber of Commerce / Board Director, Yamana Gold / President, Bergevin Capital
- Norie Campbell, Group Head, Customer and Colleague Experience TD Bank Group
- Christy Clark, Premier of British Columbia (2011 - 2017)
- Patricia Karen Gagic, DStG, Chief Financial Officer, Hamilton Vein Clinic / President, Patricia Karen Gagic Art Enterprises Inc. / Director, HELP HEAL HUMANITY
- Kathy Kinloch, President, BC Institute of Technology
- Valerie Mann, Partner (Managing Partner for 3 years prior to Jan 1, 2016), Lawson Lundell LLP
- Eileen Mercier, Chair, Board of Directors, Payments Canada
- Mandy Rennehan, Blue-Collar CEO™ & Founder, Freshco.ca
- Rhiannon Traill, President & CEO, Economic Club of Canada/Founder & President, Jr. Economic Club of Canada

To mark this year's awards, WXN is hosting an Awards Gala on November 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. More than 1400 senior professionals will attend.

For a full list of winners, please visit <https://wxnetwork.com/wxn/top100winners/>.

### **About the Women's Executive Network (WXN)**

Women's Executive Network (WXN), a member-based organization, exists for the advancement, development and recognition of professional women in Canada. WXN delivers this advancement through training, events, mentoring, networking, and award and recognition programs for members and partners. At WXN, equity, inclusion and the advancement of professional women make industry stronger and society better. Their passion is 100% centered on empowering women and creating positive social change. WXN currently operates in Canada and Ireland.

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