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The Empire Club of Canada Announces 2022-23 Board of Directors

The Empire Club of Canada is pleased to announce its Board of Directors for its 119th season.

As Canada's go-to forum for conversations that matter, the Empire Club of Canada's Board of Directors play an integral role in supporting the organization's mission through the development and production of over dozens of events annually, including its signature "Nation Builder of the Year Award".

On Thursday, June 23rd at the Empire Club's Annual General Meeting, 38 Directors were elected to the 2022-2023 Board, including a new President, Sal Rabbani, who has been involved with the Empire Club for the past 4 years, as Board Director. Sal has close to 20 years of experience working with Canadian businesses and has dedicated most of his career to connecting ideas, people and opportunities.

"For close to 120 years, the Empire Club of Canada has used its podium to host some of the country's most important conversations," said President, Sal Rabbani. "With a renewed passion following two-years of a global pandemic, we are excited to build on the legacy of the Club and engage Canadians on the most pressing issues of our time."

In the second half of our season, the Club returned to in-person events while continuing to offer virtual options allowing for continuous engagement of wider audiences across the country and abroad. The Club is optimistic that the upcoming season will continue to see a mix of both virtual and in-person events.

Board of Directors 2022-2023 Season

Executive Officers:

Sal Rabbani, President
Managing Partner, BDC Advisory Services
Business Development Bank of Canada

Kulvir Singh Gill, 1st Vice-President
Senior Strategist, Clareo

Carla Y. Nell, 2nd Vice-President
Vice-President, Corporate Relations, Stakeholder Engagement and Innovation
Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO)

Jenna Donelson, 3rd Vice-President
Director, Public Affairs and Strategic Engagement
Humber College

Carrie Bois, Treasurer
Chief Executive Officer
C+B Consulting

Rick Roth, Secretary
Vice-President, Ontario
Global Public Affairs

Board Members:

Simmer Anand
Senior Manager, Indigenous Relations
Hydro One Networks

Lori-Ann Beausoleil, FCPA, FCA
Corporate Director, Audit Committee Chair
Strategic Business Advisor and Retired PricewaterhouseCoopers Deals and Advisory Partner

Chris Benedetti
Managing Partner, Sussex Strategy Group

Megan Boyle
Director of Public Affairs, Red Bull Canada

Richard Carleton
CEO, Canadian Securities Exchange

Matthew Cauz
Radio Host, TSN 1050

Shakir Chambers
Principal, Earnscliffe Strategy Group

Kent Emerson, Past President
Principal, Valorem Insights

Dr. Mohamad Fakh, C.M.
President & CEO, Paramount Fine Foods

Anne Golden, C.M.

Kelly Jackson, Immediate Past President
Vice-President, External Affairs and Professional Learning
Humber College

John J. Kirton
Director, G7 Research Group, G20 Research Group, BRICS Research Group; Professor Emeritus,
Political Science, University of Toronto

Michael Kobzar
National Director of Sales, Transmission Systems,
Siemens Energy Canada

Arthur Kong
Director of Project Development, Next Generation Manufacturing Canada

Atrisha Lewis
Partner, McCarthy Tetrault

Dr. Gordon K. McIvor, Past President
President, Empire Club Foundation

John McKenna

Tenny Nigoghossian
Fundraising and Strategic Consultant, Arts & Culture Sector

Saurabh Popat
Director of Business Development, Ontario
Telus Health

Farah Qasemi
Partner, Financial Services Markets
Ernst & Young

Keerthana Rang
Corporate Communications Lead, Canada
Uber

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Ontario Chamber of Commerce

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Senior Vice-President, Public Affairs
Edelman Canada

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KPMG LLP

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Director of Public Affairs, JTI-Macdonald Corp.