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Forward-thinking governance perspective honed over 35 years from multiple corporate board roles, as well as a purpose-driven entrepreneurial mindset, make Deborah an exceptional trusted advisor, mentor and board member. Deborah's work ethic is fueled by passion and over the years she has lead and served each of the six public company boards and eight private company boards with courage, passion and professionalism. Deborah has also inspired, guided and advised CEOs, founders and business leaders through challenges, opportunities and transformation.

Deborah recently served as Lead Director and Chair of the Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee of TAAL Distributed Information Technologies (CSE: TAAL), where she chaired the Special Committee for the going private transaction in Dec. 2022. As well, she served on the boards of Khiron Life Sciences (TSXV: KHRN), a global cannabis medicinal company, as Lead Director and Chair of the Audit Committee.

SELECTED QUOTES

"Deborah's commitment to corporate governance and her business judgment are second to none."

-Stu Miller, Corporate Director, Lift & Co. (TSXV:LIFT)

"Good governance and policy cannot stand in the way of creativity and entrepreneurship. Deborah not only finds the balance, she leads the way. She is always ready to lean in when real work needs to be done and all the time sharing her experience and judgment with management. She gets stuff done, while raising the level of professionalism every time she is in the room."

-Chris Naprawa, Chair of Khiron Life Sciences and President of TAAL Distributed Information Technologies

BOARD CANDIDATE HIGHLIGHTS

- A certified Corporate Director (ICD.D), global designated ESG Director (GCB.D), accomplished Entrepreneur and Fellow Chartered Professional Accountant (FCPA)
- Over 35 years in high growth and transformational companies in the Technology, Consumer, Retail, Cannabis, Life Sciences, Private Equity and Venture Capital industry sectors
- Proven value and contributions to effective corporate governance, M&A, restructuring, going private and equity financing (private and public) transactions
- Creative and resourceful in business leadership, board interactions and collaboration in strategic transformations
- Forward-thinking in corporate governance and leadership roles from start-up to scale-up to public companies within emerging, established and regulated industry markets
- A steadfast advocate of modern corporate governance, sustainability, ESG and board diversity
- Founder and CEO of member-based social purpose company Women Get On Board Inc.
- Deborah has earned numerous nominations and awards over the years. She was recently honoured with The SustainabilityX® Magazine's inaugural Global 50 Women in Sustainability Award™ 2022. She was recognized as a member of WXN Top 100 Canada's Most Powerful Women in the Entrepreneur award category. She has also been honoured as a 2020 Director to Watch and a 2014 "Diversity 50" candidate. In 2012, Deborah was also selected as one of WXN's Top 100 Canada's Most Powerful Women in the Corporate Director award category.

STRENGTHS & EXPERTISE

- Board Leadership & Collaboration
- Financial Expertise
- · Sustainability, ESG & Board Diversity
- Corporate Governance
- Financing (Equity & Debt/Private & Public)
- Transformation (M&A/Digital/Operations/Restructuring)
- Corporate Strategy
- · CEO and Board Succession
- Entrepreneurship

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

- · Board Diversity and Inclusion
- · How to Get Yourself On a Board
- Elevating Your Board Effectiveness
- Financial Intelligence in the Boardroom
- Ethical Intelligence in the Boardroom

BOARD SERVICE - CURRENT

APPOINTMENT PENDING

BOARD SERVICE - PREVIOUS

TAAL Distributed Information Technologies Inc. (CSE: TAAL) Lead Director and Chair of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee; Chair of the Special Committee-going private transaction, Board member (2020-2022)

Khiron Life Sciences Corp. (TSXV:KHRN) Lead Director and Chair of the Audit Committee; Board member (2019-2022)

Lift & Co. (TSX-V: LIFTV)

Vice Chair and Chair of the Audit Committee; Board member (2018-2020) filed for voluntary bankruptcy 2020

MedReleaf Corp. (TSX: LEAF) acquired by Aurora Cannabis (TSX:

ACB) Chair of the Audit Committee and member of Special Committee of the Board and Board member (2017-2018)

NexJ Systems Inc. (TSX: NXJ) Chair Audit Committee, Board member (2015-2018)

Sears Canada Inc. (TSX: SCC) Chair Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee, Chair Audit Committee and Board member (2007-2018)

Brock University Member Board of Trustees, Audit Committee and Strategic Planning Committee (2014 - 2015)

Canada's National Ballet School Chair of the Finance & Audit Committee and Board member (2011-2014)

Canadian Internet Registration Authority (CIRA) Chair of the Board and the Executive Committee, Chair of the Audit Committee, Chair of the Nominating Committee, Member of the Nominating Committee (2011-2015)

Karma Athletics Ltd. Chair of the Board, Advisor (2011-2014)
Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation Member of the Audit &
Risk Management Committee and the Human Resource &
Compensation Committee and Board member (2007-2009)
Women In the Lead Board member (2007-2010)

Axis Investment Fund acquired by Best Funds in 2006 Chair of the

Audit Committee and Board member (2002 – 2007)

CATA Alliance Co-founder & Chair of CATA Women in Technology Forum and Board member (2004-2007)

Junior Achievement of Eastern Ontario (Ottawa Chapter) Chair of the Governance Committee and Board member (2002-2004)

Various Venture-Backed Early Stage Technology Companies OLAP@work, SigPro Wireless, Valaran, GotMarketing, Distil Interactive, NeuroLanguage. Board member(1999-2009)

EDUCATION

- Competent Boards (2022)- ESG Designation Program-GCB.D
- Institute of Corporate Directors (2008) ICD.D designation
- Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario (2009) -Fellow Chartered Professional Accountant (FCPA, FCA)
- Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario (1985) -Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA, CA)
- Brock University (1984) Honors Bachelor of Business Administration

SELECTED BOARD SERVICE CONTRIBUTIONS

- Served as Chair of the Special Committee of TAAL(with a mandate to review going private transaction, successfully completed (Dec. 2022), and served as the Lead Director & Chair of The Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee to develop governance practices for a potential up-listing to TSX.
- Served on the Board and as Chair of the Audit Committee and as a member of the Special Committee (with a mandate to review strategic and financing alternatives) of MedReleaf Corp. providing strategic guidance and fiduciary oversight on the \$3.2B sale to Aurora Cannabis Inc. in 2018
- Served as Chair of the Audit Committee NexJ Systems Inc. providing oversight and insight into a successful strategic spinout of NexJ Health and CEO transition
- Served on the Board and as Chair of the Audit Committee and Chair of
 the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and as a member
 of the Special Committee (with a mandate to review strategic and
 financing alternatives) of Sears Canada Inc. providing oversight and
 insights through a series of complex restructuring transactions involving
 multiple stakeholders, creditor protection and contested proceedings
 leading up to the liquidation of assets and operations in Canada in 2018.

ADVISORY LEADERSHIP

- Goodman School of Business, Brock University Advisory Council Member (2022 – current, previously 2014-2017)
- CPA Canada Member Audit Committee Conference Advisory Committee (2019-current) and Audit Committee Certification Program Task Force (2020-current); Member of the Risk Management and Governance Board (2009-2012)
- Correctional Services Canada Departmental Audit Committee (2015-2017)
- **Brock University** Member of the President's National Advisory Council (2008-2013)
- Institute of Corporate Directors Ottawa Chapter Co-Chair (2008-2011)
- **Brock University** Member of the Business Faculty Advisory Council (2003-2010)
- **ENGAGE! Ottawa** Founder and Co-Chair of the Advisory Board (2005-2008)
- OCRI Member of the Entrepreneurship Centre Advisory Council (2004-2007)

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Founder and CEO Women Get On Board Inc. (2015)
- Founder and CEO Deborah Rosati, Corporate Director (formerly Rosatinet, Inc.) (2002-current)
- Partner Celtic House Venture Partners (2000-2002)
- Chief Financial Officer TimeStep Corporation (Acquired by Newbridge Networks (NYSE: NN, TSE: NNC) (1994-1999)
- Owner Deborah Rosati Consulting (1991-1994)
- Divisional Controller Calmos Microsystems (A division of Newbridge Networks Corporation) (1988-1991)
- Policy & Procedural Analyst Cognos Inc. (Acquired by IBM January 2008) (1987-1988)
- Audit Manager BDO Dunwoody (co-op accounting student) 1982-1987)