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Deborah Rosati, an award-winning entrepreneur and corporate director, has been defined in three interconnected ways throughout her 35-year career – as a champion of corporate governance, a catalyst for change, and a community builder.

As the founder and CEO of Women Get On Board Inc. (WGOB), an 980-member social-purpose company, Deborah is building a community of the next generation of women corporate directors. WGOB amplifies the voices of women leaders, board members and professionals across Canada through education, mentorship and allyship. It's been called The Power of Three – one woman in the boardroom is a token, two is a presence, and three is a voice.

Deborah is a leading and serving corporate director, currently chairing the board of Profound Impact Corporation and has chaired many public company audit committees and nominating & corporate governance committees. In addition, Deborah has led and served on numerous special committees with various mandates (including going public, going private, M&A, restructuring and special investigations). Deborah's passion for good governance and board diversity is rooted in her board journey when she was often the only woman in the boardroom. These first-hand experiences cemented Deborah's conviction that having more women on boards makes better business sense.

Never satisfied with the status quo, Deborah always seeks ways to challenge expectations and drive change. She brings an environmental, social and governance (ESG) lens to every board she serves on, as she believes in the power and responsibility of business to change our world for the better.

As a visionary leader, Deborah recently launched Women Funding Women Inc. (WFW) with her co-founders, Sherry Shannon Vanstone and Lara Zink, to bridge the funding gap for women founders.

Deborah's commitment to sustainable change and empowerment, deep governance and financial expertise and dynamic personality have made her a sought-after thought leader and speaker. Deborah's thought leadership on corporate governance, sustainability, EDI and social impact is profiled on her website, [deborahrosati.ca](https://www.deborahrosati.ca).

## BOARD CANDIDATE HIGHLIGHTS

- A certified Corporate Director (ICD.D), global designated ESG Director (GCB.D), global designated climate & biodiversity Director (CCB.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's recent awards include:
  - Brock Alumni Brilliance Award, 2024
  - GNCC & WIN-Ruth Unrau Legacy Award, November 2023
  - Honorary Doctorate of Laws-Brock University, June 2023
  - Canadian Women Entrepreneur (CWE) Award-Gender Equity in the Workplace, 2023
  - SustainabilityX Magazine's inaugural Global 50 Women in Sustainability Award, 2022
  - WXN's Top 100 Canada's Most Powerful Women: Entrepreneur (2021) and Corporate Director (2012)
  - 2020 "Director to Watch."

## 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, Sustainability, ESG
- How to Get Yourself On a Board
- Elevating Your Board Effectiveness
- Financial Intelligence in the Boardroom
- Ethical Intelligence in the Boardroom
- Modern Governance & Sustainability