

## CFA Societies Canada announces changes to Board of Directors and Chair



Photo caption: CFA Societies Canada Board of Directors and Chair at September board meetings in Vancouver.  
Top Row (L to R): Frederick Chenel, CFA, Dan Lavallee, CFA, David Smith, CFA, Daniel Spencer, CFA, Robert Luck, CFA

Bottom Row (L to R): Shaila Ekramoddoullah, CFA, Jessie Bobinski, CFA, Gordon Fawcett, CFA, Ty Saunders, CFA, Mathieu Doucet, CFA, Johann Kuntze, CFA, Wesley Blight, CFA

Absent: Johanna Salloum, CFA, Rod Babineau, CFA

---

TORONTO, October 16, 2018— Following its September board meeting, CFA Societies Canada has announced changes to its board of directors and Chair. These changes come as the organization continues expanding efforts to support its mission: building awareness of the CFA designation and advocating for the highest standards of integrity and ethics, to the benefit of Canadian investors.

The CFA Societies Canada board of directors is made up almost exclusively of members from the organization's 12 Canadian member societies, plus one representative from CFA Institute. These

volunteers are led by Christopher May, Managing Director of CFA Societies Canada, who provides strategic leadership and operational oversight for the organization while managing volunteer committees and representing CFA charterholders in Canada at a national level.

“We welcome our new board members at a critical time for CFA Societies Canada,” says May. “We are growing our engagement with stakeholders and taking new, collaborative action to fulfill our mission. Our new Chair and board members are well-positioned to support this work. They are seasoned professionals with strong track records aligned to our mandate. I look forward to working with them.”

### **2018-2019 Board of Directors**

David Smith, CFA – Chair  
Ty Saunders, CFA – CFA Society Atlantic Canada  
Daniel Spencer, CFA – CFA Society Calgary  
Rod Babineau, CFA – CFA Society Edmonton  
Frederick Chenel, CFA – CFA Montréal  
Gordon Fawcett, CFA – CFA Society Okanagan  
Wesley Blight, CFA – CFA Society Ottawa  
Mathieu Doucet, CFA – CFA Québec  
Johanna Salloum, CFA – CFA Society Saskatchewan  
Dan Lavalley, CFA – CFA Society Toronto  
Jessie Bobinski, CFA Society Vancouver  
Johann Kuntze, CFA – CFA Society Victoria  
Shaila Ekramoddoullah, CFA – CFA Society Winnipeg  
Robert Luck, CFA – CFA Institute

Newly appointed Chair, David Smith, CFA, was previously a board member with CFA Society Vancouver. The transition between Smith and past Chair Clayton Gall, CFA, took place September 1, 2018.

“In my new role as Chair, my mission is to bring awareness to the importance of credentialing within the financial industry,” says Smith. “There tends to be little oversight within the industry so finding investment professionals who adhere to a voluntary code of ethics is not only advisable but crucial in ensuring your investments are safe but also managed ethically and with integrity.”

The new board members take their positions effective immediately.

“Clayton and our board members have been instrumental in the formation of CFA Societies Canada,” noted May. “Their dedication, effort and commitment to growing the awareness of the investment profession in Canada has played a notable role in ensuring our first year as an organization has been a success.”

For more information about CFA Societies Canada and its leadership visit [www.cfacanada.org](http://www.cfacanada.org).

### **CFA Societies Canada**

CFA Societies Canada is a collaboration of CFA Institute and the 12 Canadian member societies, whose mission is to build brand awareness of the CFA designation and to advocate for the highest standards of integrity and ethics for the ultimate benefit of Canadian investors. CFA Societies Canada represents CFA charterholders, the 12 societies, and the members of those societies in Canada to policymakers, the media, and the public. CFA Societies Canada aspires to lead the investment management profession in Canada by raising ethical and professional standards, promoting fair markets, protecting investors, and increasing brand awareness. For more information, visit [www.cfacanada.org](http://www.cfacanada.org).

CFA® and Chartered Financial Analyst® are trademarks owned by CFA Institute.

For more information or to secure interviews with Christopher May and David Smith, CFA, please contact:

Emma Bray  
GCI Group Canada  
416-486-5904  
[emma.bray@gciccanada.com](mailto:emma.bray@gciccanada.com)