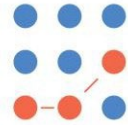


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ICD Appoints Matthew Fortier as Vice President, Policy & Research

Toronto, ON – January 5, 2026 – The Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD) is pleased to announce the appointment of Matthew Fortier as Vice President, Policy & Research, effective immediately.

Matthew brings over 20 years of extensive experience in corporate governance, public policy, and stakeholder relations. In his roles, Matthew will spearhead the ICD's thought leadership initiatives and strengthen stakeholder engagement to advance governance excellence across Canadian organizations.

"We are delighted to welcome Matthew to the ICD," said Rahul Bhardwaj, President & CEO of the ICD. "His proven track record in shaping policy and driving corporate governance best practices makes him uniquely equipped to lead our policy and research agenda and help Canadian organizations navigate an increasingly complex business environment."

Earlier in his career, Matthew held senior corporate and public affairs roles with Re:Sound, TD Bank, TD Securities, and the Business Council of Canada, and the ICD. Most recently, he served as President and CEO of Accelerate Accélérer, where he worked with senior leaders across industry and government to align priorities and advance national strategic initiatives.

Mr. Fortier began his career in Canadian federal politics as a policy analyst and researcher.

About the Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD)

Established in 1981, the Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD) is a not-for-profit, member-based organization representing Canadian directors and boards across the for-profit and not-for-profit sectors, credit unions and Crown Corporations.

As Canada's largest director community, the ICD creates forums for dialogue, hosts networking opportunities and provides access to world-class resources for over 18,000 members across a network of 11 Chapters. Members who successfully complete the ICD-Rotman Director Education Program (DEP) and ICD-led examination process earn the highly recognized ICD.D designation.

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