



Alberta Financial Research Partnership: Building Opportunities for Canada's Financial Sector

Background

The School of Public Policy at the University of Calgary, in partnership with the Government of Alberta's Department of Finance, invites you to a special roundtable luncheon on **Friday, May 30, 2025**.

This event marks the culmination of a three-year research partnership focused on identifying and evaluating strategic opportunities to strengthen Alberta's financial sector.

Over the course of this collaboration, more than a dozen distinct research programs were undertaken, each contributing to a broader understanding of how Alberta, and Canada more broadly, can build a more dynamic and competitive financial ecosystem.

The roundtable will showcase select research outcomes from this initiative and foster dialogue on future research directions and policy development opportunities across Canada's financial landscape. The event will bring together leaders from the financial business community, academia and government for a thoughtful and forward-looking conversation.

Opening remarks will be delivered by Dr. Jack Mintz and Alberta's Assistant Deputy Minister of Financial Sector Regulation and Policy, Chris Merriman. A keynote speech over lunch will be delivered by John McKenzie, CEO of the TMX Group Inc.

Secure your spot today and join us for this unique gathering of thought leaders and decision-makers dedicated to energizing Canadian capital markets.

Event Details

Date: Friday, May 30, 2025

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. ET

Location: Austin Gallery - 12th Floor, One King West

Address: 1 King Street West, Toronto, ON, M5H 1A1

Format: In-person event

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Agenda

8:30 a.m. ET

Event check-in

9:00 - 9:20 a.m.

Introductions

- **Dr. Jack Mintz**, President's Fellow, School of Public Policy, University of Calgary
- **Chris Merriman**, Assistant Deputy Minister of Financial Sector Regulation and Policy, Ministry of Treasury Board and Finance, Government of Alberta

9:20 - 10:05 a.m.

Lessons from Quebec's Single Financial Regulator Model

Presenter

- **Pierre Lortie, CM, FCAE**, Senior Business Advisor, Dentons Canada LLP

Moderator

- **Gail Henderson**, Director, Associate Professor, Business Law Program, Faculty of Law, Queen's University

10:05 - 10:50 a.m.

Considering the Success of Alberta's New Captive Insurance Program

Presenter

- **Erik Johnson, BComm, MSc, FCII**, Head of Technical Underwriting and Oversight, International, Markel

Moderator

- **Chris Merriman**, Assistant Deputy Minister of Financial Sector Regulation and Policy, Ministry of Treasury Board and Finance, Government of Alberta

10:50 - 11:10 a.m.

Networking Break

11:10 - 11:55 a.m.

Hunting Sacred Cows: Ideas for Re-Energizing Canadian Public Markets

Presenter

- **L. Daniel Wilson, JD, LL.M, PhD**, Associate Dean, Academic, Chair in Business Law & Regulation, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Calgary

Moderator

- **Dr. Jack Mintz**, President's Fellow, School of Public Policy, University of Calgary

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11:55 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.

Closing Remarks

- **Dr. Jack Mintz**, President's Fellow, School of Public Policy, University of Calgary
- **Chris Merriman**, Assistant Deputy Minister of Financial Sector Regulation and Policy, Ministry of Treasury Board and Finance, Government of Alberta

12:10 – 1:30 p.m.

Keynote Fireside Chat & Lunch

Speaker

- **John McKenzie**, CEO, TMX Group Inc.

Moderator

- **Boyd Erman**, Partner, FGS Longview

1:30 p.m.

Event ends