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2025 Conference Program

Wednesday, May 14

5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

President's Reception

The Vancouver Club

Event Sponsor: *Stenner Wealth Partners+ | CG Wealth Management*

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Thursday, May 15

8:00 am – 8:45 am

Registration & Networking Breakfast (Foyer and Ballroom)

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8:45 am – 9:45 am

Conference Opening and Keynote (Ballroom)

Title: Fireside Chat with Judith Menard | National Bank's Acquisition of CWB

Moderator: Andrew Hennigar, Past President, ACG BC, and Partner, BLG

Keynote Speaker: Judith Ménard, Executive Vice President, Commercial and Private Banking 1859, National Bank of Canada

9:45 am – 10:35 am

Morning Panel A (Ballroom)

Title: Dealmaking in the Resources Sector: Charting a Course Through Uncertainty

Moderator: Mackenzie Regent, Co-Founder and Managing Partner, Kalos LLP

Panelists: Peter Christopher, Senior Vice President, ARC Financial Corp.

Michael Ciaramella, Director, Longbow Capital Inc.

Scott Alanen, VP, Investments, Alberta Indigenous Opportunities Corporation

10:35 am – 11:05 am

Coffee Break & Networking (Foyer)

Networking Lounge Sponsored by Norton Rose Fulbright

Espresso Bar Sponsored by TriWest Capital Partners

11:05 am – 11:50 am

Morning Presentation A (Ballroom)

Title: Macroeconomic Update

Presenter: Robert Kavcic, Senior Economist and Director Economics, BMO

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11:50 am – 12:50 pm

Luncheon Buffet and Networking (Foyer)

Luncheon Sponsored by Kalos LLP

Bar Sponsored by Dentons

12:50 pm – 1:20 pm

Afternoon Presentation A (Ballroom)

Title: Private M&A Update – Western Canada

Presenter: Sven Milelli, Partner, McCarthy Tétrault

Samantha Thompson, Managing Director and Partner, Deals
– Corporate Finance, PwC Canada

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1:20 pm – 2:10 pm

Afternoon Panel A (Ballroom)

Title: M&A Practice Points – “The People Process”

Moderator: Susan Tomaine, Partner, Blakes

Panelists: Josh Pekarsky, Partner, FGS Longview

Chad Danard, Senior Managing Director, TriWest Capital Partners

Mike Burtch, Partner, Fort Capital

2:10 pm – 3:00 pm

Afternoon Panel B (Ballroom)

Title: From Vision to Value: Insights from the Deal Table
Moderator: Elaine Tham, Partner, Mogan Daniels Slager LLP
Panelists: Kristi Miller, Executive Partner, Krystal Growth Partners
Tamsin Plaxton, Exited Founder, Consultant
Sarah Bundy, Co-Founder and CEO, Athena Collective
Jaclyn McPhadden, Exited Founder, Investor, OKGN WMAN

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm

Coffee Break & Networking (Foyer)

3:15 pm – 4:00 pm

Afternoon Presentation B (Ballroom)

Title: High Performance: Lessons From the Ice to the Boardroom
Speaker: Cheryl Bernard, CEO, Canada's Sports Hall of Fame and Olympic Silver Medalist

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Closing Networking Event

Ballroom Foyer

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