

## **Christiane Bergevin**

### **Executive Vice President, Strategic Partnerships Office of the President, Desjardins Group**



Christiane joined the Desjardins Group in August 2009. In a newly created position, she spearheads key strategic partnerships, investments and acquisitions, and other development activities in Canada and abroad in support of the growth of the organization's major business lines. Desjardins Group is the leading cooperative financial group in Canada and the sixth largest in the world, with assets of over \$172 billion. Drawing on the strength of its caisses network in Québec in Ontario, and its subsidiaries across Canada, it offers a full range of financial products and services to its 5.8 million members and clients.

Her contribution is already highly visible with three major transactional achievements in 2010, including the surprise announcement late in December of a take-over bid for the acquisition of Western Financial Group, the largest insurance and financial services retailer in Western Canada.

From 1990 to 2009, Christiane held various senior management positions, notably in international finance, with the SNC-Lavalin Group. She was President of SNC-Lavalin Capital from 2001 to 2008 and was appointed Senior Vice-President and General Manager, Corporate Projects of the SNC-Lavalin Group in 2009. Previously, she also worked in real estate and international financing with Standard Life and Export Development Canada.

Christiane draws on extensive public policy knowledge in numerous sectors and wide-ranging international execution skills and award-winning Canadian deal making. She led SNC-Lavalin Capital to achieve Top Ten advisory rankings in the industry League Tables between 2005 and 2007. She has directed activities in over 20 countries in South and Central America, Africa, Europe and Middle East and was involved in numerous acquisitions. In Canada, she notably led the structuring of some of the largest infrastructure debt closings, including for the CDN \$3.1 B Highway 407 acquisition and the CDN \$1.9 B Canada Line concession in Vancouver. In February 2011, she made the Top 25 list of the magazine Executive Investment/Finance & Investissement.

Christiane is a director of Talisman Energy, Fiera Sceptre, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and the Montreal Board of Trade. She was previously a member of the Board of Directors of the Business Development Bank of Canada and the Caisse de Dépôt and Placement du Québec. She supports numerous philanthropic organizations including the Foundation of the Women's Centre of Montreal.

She is a graduate of McGill University and of the Advanced Management Program of the Wharton School of Business. She is fluent in English, French and Spanish.