



Brendan Wood Announces Canadian TopGun Investment Minds

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Seventy-Two Investment Professionals Achieve TopGun Status

TORONTO, ON, August 13th, 2012 (TopGun Press) – Brendan Wood International today announced the results of its annual search for the TopGun Investment Minds based in Canada. During personal interviews, TopGuns were selected by their counterparties namely, BWI's Panel of the leading sell-side analysts and sales professionals. The Panel includes more than 700 investment professionals who do business with the selected TopGuns on a daily basis and see their investment decision making in process. In addition to their rigorous analysis of the companies they cover, the Panel singled out 72 Canadian Investment Professionals who on a competitive basis ranked highest for investment wisdom and professionalism according to the Panel. "This is not a popularity contest. The confidential ratings assigned to individual investment professionals by the Panel are disciplined to distinguish 'Best in Class' according to each Panelist. The number of nominees accepted from each Panelist is strictly limited and TopGun status is awarded on the basis of the frequency of individual nominations. These disciplines establish the objectivity of selection and reinforce the fundamental criterion of respected professionalism in the investment community as a whole. Of over 800 potential candidates, 482 investment professionals received nominations and of the nominees 72 individuals attained TopGun status representing nine percent of the total universe," said Amanda Knott, Manager – BWI Panel.

The most common themes cited by the Panel which distinguish TopGuns include independent thinking and willingness to buck the trends, knowing the investment space best, diligent work ethic, being trusted and respected and adding to the knowledge and civility of the investment community at large.

Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec, CI Investments and RBC Global Asset Management again achieved TopGun Team Status this year with six TopGuns each along with returning TopGun Teams Connor, Clark & Lunn with five TopGuns and Sentry Investments with four. Fiera Capital Corporation and RBC's Phillips Hager & North reached TopGun Team Status for the first time with four TopGuns apiece.

The 2012 Canadian TopGun Team Leaders Are (in alphabetical order by firm):

Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec – Roland Lescure (CIO)

CI Investments – Eric Bushell (CIO)

Connor, Clark & Lunn – Larry Lunn (CIO)

Fiera Capital Corporation – Jean-Guy Desjardins (CIO)

Sentry Investments – Dennis Mitchell (CIO)

RBC Global Asset Management & Phillips Hager & North – Daniel Chornous (CIO)

This year, 22 TopGun Investment Minds achieved Platinum Class based on the number of votes and having been selected as TopGuns four consecutive years running.

The 2012 Canadian TopGun Investment Minds Are (in alphabetical order):

Gary Baker (Platinum); Connor, Clark & Lunn Investment Management
Christopher Beer (Platinum); RBC Global Asset Management
Oscar Belaiche (Platinum); Goodman & Company Investment Counsel
Jean Frederic Berard; Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec
Mark Bridges; Connor, Clark & Lunn Investment Management
Stephane Champagne (Platinum); CI Investments
Dennis Chan; Phillips Hager & North
Michael Chan; Fiera Capital Corporation
Jean-Philippe Choquette; Fiera Capital Corporation
Samba Chunduri; Connor, Clark & Lunn Investment Management
Robert Cohen (Platinum); Goodman & Company Investment Counsel
Greg Dean; CI Investments
Robert Decker; Aurion Capital Management
Philippe Dumont; Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec
Benoît Durand; Van Berkomp and Associates
Steve Falardeau; Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec
Martin Ferguson; Mawer Investment Management
Ryan Fitzgerald; CI Investments
Benoit Gervais (Platinum); Mackenzie Investments
Elan Gore; Picton Mahoney Asset Management
Mason Granger; Sentry Investments
Jim Hall; Mawer Investment Management
David Hodgson; Gluskin Sheff & Associates
Hoa Hong; CI Investments
Andreas Hoppe; CIBC Global Asset Management
Stephen Hui; Pembroke Management
Tim Hylton; Fiera Capital Corporation
David Jiles; Leith Wheeler Investment Counsel
Jean-Francois Jolicoeur (Platinum); Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec
Stuart Kedwell (Platinum); RBC Global Asset Management
Ashley Kennedy; Sentry Investments
Daniel Lavoie; Fiera Capital Corporation
Jennifer Law; CIBC Global Asset Management
François Lebel; Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec
Ari Levy (Platinum); TD Asset Management
Jeannine LiChong; Gluskin Sheff & Associates
Robert Lyon; AGF Management
Scott Lysakowski; Phillips Hager & North

Craig MacAdam; Aurion Capital Management
Norm MacDonald; Invesco
Bill MacKenzie; CPP Investment Board
Kevin MacLean (Platinum); Sentry Investments
Hugh McCauley (Platinum); AGF Management
Jennifer McClelland; RBC Global Asset Management
Irwin Michael; I.A. Michael Investment Counsel
Michael Missaghie; Sentry Investments
Marcello Montanari (Platinum); RBC Global Asset Management
Bruce Murray; MFS Mclean Budden
Margot Naudie (Platinum); CPP Investment Board
John Novak (Platinum); Connor, Clark & Lunn Investment Management
Charles Oliver (Platinum); Sprott Asset Management
Joe Overdevest; Pyramis Global Advisors
Bryan Pilsworth; Foyston, Gordon & Payne
John Priestman (Platinum); Guardian Capital
Doug Raymond (Platinum); RBC Global Asset Management
Patrick Reddy; Leith Wheeler Investment Counsel
Mathieu Richard; Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec
Onno Rutten; Mackenzie Investments
Shauna Sexsmith; Manulife Asset Management
John Smolinski (Platinum); TD Asset Management
Brahm Spilfogel (Platinum); RBC Global Asset Management
Doug Stadelman; Phillips Hager & North
Les Stelmach; Bissett Investment Management
John Stephenson (Platinum); First Asset
Jennifer Stevenson; Goodman & Company Investment Counsel
Andrew Sweeney; Phillips Hager & North
David Taylor; Taylor Asset Management
Greg Taylor; Aurion Capital Management
Terry Thib; Hesperian Capital Management
Scott Vali (Platinum); CI Investments
Steven Vertes; Connor, Clark & Lunn Investment Management
Malcolm White (Platinum); CI Investments

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