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Nancy Harrison – Excellence in Industry

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The Association of Women in Finance is proud to honour Nancy Harrison with the 2020/2021 PEAK Award in the category of Excellence in Industry.

Nancy has nearly 30 years of professional achievements and is currently Venture Partner with Amplitude Capital. She is former Co-founder and President of MSI Methylation Sciences, a private company with a unique treatment of depression in Phase II development. Nancy is also a former Partner and Senior Vice President of Ventures West Management Inc.

Nancy spent 13 years with Ventures West leading its life sciences practice in Canada and the United States. As a Partner at Ventures West, Nancy became one of the most important and respected investors in the country, making key early investments in industry leaders including Angiotech, AnorMed, Caprion, Celator, Alder Biopharma, Xenon, Salmedix, Sembiosys and many other biotechnology firms. During her tenure with Ventures West, the life sciences portfolio grew from zero percent of the overall investment portfolio to approximately 30 percent of investments. The firm grew from about \$90 million under management to about \$750 million under management in eight historical funds.

Skilled in start-up company development, entrepreneurship, operations, with an outstanding record of building strategic partnerships, Nancy is a true innovator and demonstrates her dedication to Canadian biotech by mentoring the next generation of leaders. She also nurtures emerging life science companies through serving on boards and as an advisor for several companies and not-for-profits including adMare BioInnovations, Life Sciences BC, the BC Genome I2 venture fund, the Polygon Gallery, and BIOTECHCanada's advisory board for start-up companies, and is a fellow with the Creative Destruction Lab - West.

In her role as adMare BioInnovations Board Member, Nancy works extensively to close the gender gap in the life sciences industry. Through the adMare Academy Executive Institute, a customized training program to ensure that the Canadian life sciences industry has the scientific and management talent to lead the world, Nancy has advocated for increasing the number of women entrepreneurs and senior managers.

Nancy has an undergraduate degree in engineering from Queen's University and an MBA from McGill University.

Please join us in celebrating Nancy's accomplishments. Congratulations, Nancy!