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People & Companies News for Week Ending October 10, 2025

- **Ted Willcocks** has joined **Skyline** as its new executive vice-president of capital raising. In his new position, he will lead Skyline's growth strategy by uncovering new opportunities, strengthening institutional investor relationships, and driving innovation to deliver long-term value for our investors, said the company. Willcocks has about three decades of real estate asset management and investment experience. He moved to Skyline after spend the past five years as president and CEO of **Triovest**.
- The **Canada Pension Plan Investment Board** has appointed **Jill Denham** to its board of directors. Denham has about 20 years of experience in financial services and nearly 15 years of service on public company boards. Before launching her board career, she held several senior executive positions at CIBC.
- **Chris Holtved** has become the new head of global real estate at the **Healthcare of Ontario Pension Plan**. He rejoined HOOPP after taking a two-year career break and then serving briefly as president of **Whitewood Realty Consulting**. In his previous 11-year stint at HOOPP, he finished up as managing director of industrial real estate.
- **Tom Murphy** has been appointed president of **Sun Life Asset Management**. He will play a leading role as Sun Life brings all of its asset-management businesses together. Together, the businesses generated earnings of about \$1.4 billion in 2024. Murphy has more than 25 years of experience in global asset management. He had served as Sun Life's chief risk officer since 2022. Before then, he was the president of **SLC Fixed Income**, part of **SLC Management**.
- **Jacob Cohen** has been promoted to president at the **Daniels Corporation**. **Mitchell Cohen** has relinquished his president role but remains as CEO. In other company moves, **Ginette Battika** has been appointed as chief operating officer. and **Gokul Pisharoty** has become chief construction officer.

- **Odyssey Retail Advisors** has added four industry veterans as part of the New York-based firm's expansion into Canada with the opening of a Toronto office. **Casdin Parr, David Bishop, and Ryan McCarthy** have joined the firm as executive vice-presidents, while **Lesia Czech** will serve as a director.
- **Eric Plesman** has been named president and CEO of **Oxford Properties**, effective November 3. The move is a homecoming for Plesman, who held a number of executive positions with Oxford during a previous 10-year tenure. He will replace **Daniel Fournier**.
- **Christine Bergeron** has taken an extended leave from her position as president and CEO of **Concert Properties** to focus on her health and family. **John Dooling** will serve as interim CEO while also handling his regular managing director and CFO duties. Since the length of Bergeron's leave is uncertain, Concert has begun a search for a new permanent president and CEO.
- **Wendy Waters** has left her position as GWL Realty's head of research. Waters said in a LinkedIn post that she is exploring new opportunities. She was with GWLRA for 19 years.
- **Sagard Real Estate** has promoted **Mark Bigarel** to president. Bigarel previously served as chief operating officer and head of investments for the company, a U.S.-based subsidiary of Canadian investment giant **Sagard**.
- **Richard Hylands**, a leading figure in Canadian commercial real estate for decades, has joined **QuadReal Property Group's** board. Hylands is the co-chairman of **Kevric Real Estate**, a Montreal market leader. Kevric also has a Toronto office.
- **Brendan Davies** has been appointed as senior director of leasing and acquisitions. Meanwhile, **Diane Allan** has joined the company as a property manager.



- **JLL** has appointed **Jillian Jackson** as senior vice-president of investor services. She will oversee the execution of comprehensive capital expenditure programs for landlord clients across Canada, managing all project stages – from initial planning and advisory through completion. Jackson will work closely with JLL's capital markets and investment management teams. Meanwhile, **Nick Radford** has joined the company as project development and services lead for all of Canada and Central Canada. He has 25 years of global experience managing large-scale projects and programs across many sectors, including commercial office, industrial, institutional and hotel/hospitality.

- **Tribe Property Technologies** has promoted **Scott Ullrich** to CFO. He replaces **Angelo Bartolini**, who is moving into a strategic advisor role. Ullrich previously served as executive vice-president. He has been with Tribe since its 2021 acquisition of Gateway Property Management, where he was the CEO.
- **David Noel** has joined **Sagicor Financial** as executive vice-president and COO for its Caribbean region. He moved to Sagicor from **Scotiabank**, where he held senior executive positions across the Caribbean.
- **Imperial Equities** has appointed **Adam Chadhi** as COO. He will lead the development of the company's strategy and overseeing its operational procedures and external relations activities.
- **BGO** has appointed three new senior leaders who will perform different roles nationally and regionally. **Marlene Farias** serves as national vice-president of sustainability and technical services. **Stephen Smith** has been appointed principal of commercial property and leasing for the B.C. region. And, **Jeff Wilson** has been named vice-president of property management for the Greater Toronto Area.
- **JLL** has appointed **Jonathan Peretz** as managing director of national leasing. He will drive the company's leasing strategy and performance across Canada. He will lead JLL's efforts to achieve best-in-class results for clients. He will be responsible for strategic business development, team mentorship and the integration of new technology.
- **Nicholas Stryland** has joined **Spear Realty** as chief operating officer and partner. He will focus on strategic growth, brokerage services and client relationships to support Spear's continued expansion and success. Stryland brings more than 25 years of experience in various sales and management roles to Toronto-based Spear, a brokerage that specializes in Greater Toronto Area commercial real estate, particularly industrial, land, investment and development.
- **RealServus** has appointed **Bronwyn Smith** as CEO. She assumed her new duties this week. Smith previously served as CEO of **myAbode**. **Former president John Lusink** will continue to play a strategic role with RealServus in his new role of vice-chair.
- **Starlight Investments** has appointed **Kristopher Wojtecki** as president of its new infrastructure business line, **Starlight Infrastructure Solutions**. He previously served as chief operating officer at **Great Gulf Group** and held senior roles at **PSP Investments**, where he contributed to developments such as Downsview in Toronto, The Wharf in Washington, D.C., and the Seaport in Boston.
- **Jane Chan** has joined **Heartwood Trust** as vice-president of capital and corporate development. Chan moved to Heartwood from **TAS_Impact**. She has more than fifteen years of experience in finance, investor relations, and strategic communications across global firms. She is a seasoned capital markets professional with a proven track record of building institutional-grade investor relations programs and leading successful fundraising strategies in both the private- equity real estate and healthcare sectors.
- Civic transportation infrastructure firm **Argo Corporation** has hired **Jenna Bendayan** as head of business operations. Bendayan joins Argo following nearly seven years with the Ontario government, where she played a central role in delivering large-scale initiatives including infrastructure expansion, regulatory reform, and transit modernization.
- Institutional investor **SLC Management** has promoted **Véronique Lauzière** to senior managing director and head of Canadian business development and client relationships, effective immediately. She previously served as managing director of institutional distribution.
- **Lorne Burns** has joined **Wall Financial** as an independent director. Burns has almost four decades of experience as a real estate, finance and business leader.
- **AutoCanada** has appointed **Felix-Etienne Lebel** to its board. Lebel is the founder and managing partner of **Rowanwood Equity**, a Toronto-based investment firm. He brings over two decades of private equity and capital markets experience to AutoCanada.

- **Colliers** has appointed **Tyer Dolan** as its new head of Canadian valuations and advisory services (VAS), effective September 1. Dolan has more than 20 years of commercial real estate and finance experience, most recently serving as senior managing director for Vancouver Island and the Okanagan, and as national debt advisory lead at Colliers. He replaces **Scott Bowden**, who has led the VAS team since 2020. Bowden will return to his appraisal practice in Vancouver.
- **John MacIntyre** has moved into the role of board chair at **TD Bank**. In addition, **Frank Pearn** has joined the bank. **MacIntyre** had a distinguished 30-year career in capital markets. He is the partner-emeritus of **Birch Hill Capital Partners**, which he co-founded in 2005. Pearn formerly served as global chief compliance officer and firmwide operational risk executive for **JP Morgan Chase**.
- **John Teskey** has joined **P3 Investments** as its director of private capital. He will support the firm's national capital-raising initiatives, with a focus on distribution and investor relations in Eastern Canada, while contributing to P3's strategic approach to capital formation. Before joining P3, Teskey was the senior vice-president of national accounts at **Forstrong Global Asset Management**. He has also held senior positions with **IA Clarington Investments** and **Franklin Templeton Investments**.
- **KPMG** has named **Geoffrey Rush Luc Jolicoeur** has joined **CIMA's** board as a director. He succeeds **Richard Régimbald**, who had served on board since 2019. Jolicoeur has also held executive positions, on of Canada's largest private consulting engineering firms.
- **Sandro Muzzo** has been promoted to chief legal officer at **Fiera Capital**. He moved up from his position vice-president and general counsel for Canada.
- **Luigi Favaro** has been appointed as the **Ontario Real Estate Association's** new CEO, effective September 2. He has about two decades of real estate industry experience.
- **Khan Tran** has joined **Capital Developments** as its vice-president of investments. He moved to Capital following a seven-year tenure at TAS.
- **Lanterra Developments** has appointed **Diana Girgis** as its new vice-president of sales and marketing. She previously served with the **Toronto Region Real Estate Board** as a sales representative.
- **Colliers** has hired two retail specialists in its Edmonton office. **Paul Raimundo** was appointed as a local senior vice-president, while **Bruce Peters** joined the firm as a local VP. Both Raimundo and Peters have experience in tenant and landlord representation. They moved to Colliers from **Avison Young**. Both Raimundo and Peters have also held seniors roles with JLL, and Oberfeld and Snowcap, among others. Raimundo returns to Colliers after starting his career there more than 25 years ago. Peters has 17 years of commercial real estate experience.
 - **Wallace Wang** has been appointed CFO at **Bridgemarq**. He moved to Toronto-based Bridgemarq from **Brookfield Asset Management**. He succeeds **Glen McMillan** who has been working with him to ensure a smooth transition of responsibilities.
 - **Crombie REIT** has added two new members to its board. **Sarah MacDonald** and **Kyle Harlton** joined the board after being appointed by **Empire Companies** as the firm's representatives on it. MacDonald serves as the chief transformation officer at **Algonquin Power & Utility Company**. Harlton is a partner with law firm **Stewart McKelvey** in Halifax.
- **Panattoni** has appointed **Brad Hoffman** as its new managing partner for Canada. He had been Panattoni's executive vice-president for the past 19 years.
- **SolarBank Corporation** has changed its name to **PowerBank Corporation**. The change "reflects the company's strategic focus, market opportunity and established position as a trusted provider of power and energy solutions that extend beyond just solar energy," said the firm.
- **Logistec** has appointed **Tex Howard** as its new CFO. He has 20 years of industry experience, covering such areas as manufacturing, rail equipment leasing and repair, and transportation.

Logistec aims to capitalize on his experience leading high-performing teams across multi-national operations, along with integrations and growth strategies in North American markets.

- **AutoCanada** has selected **CarGurus** as its preferred partner in Canada. Through the agreement, AutoCanada will have access to CarGuru's listings marketplace. AutoCanada invests in automobile-dealership properties in Canada and the U.S.
- **Daniel Fletcher** has left **Dream** for the Abu Dhabi-based **Mubadala Investment Company**. Fletcher now serves as head of the America for Mubadala. He spent the past year as a Dream senior vice-president. Prior to joining Dream, he spent six years at **Starlight Investments**, rising to vice-president of investments.
- **Sean Meadows** has been appointed as Canada leader for **Arup**. Meadows will oversee the firm's Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and Calgary offices.
 - **Karla Gourdeau** has been promoted to director of finance business entities at Calgary-based **WestUrban Developments**. She previously served as the company's controller.
 - **Brian McGowan** has joined the **Altrio** board. Altrio creates technology for leading real estate investors, developers and brokers. McGowan is the CEO of cybersecurity firm **Cybercorp**.
- **Altus Group** has named **Stuart Boyce** as its Prairies Group senior director. He moves from his former post as Prairie director of the firm's lender and developer services business.
 - **Colliers** has rebranded its investment-management division as **Harrison Street Asset Management (HSAM)**. As part of the move, **Christopher Merrill** becomes the Global CEO and largest individual shareholder of HSAM. Merrill is the co-founder and CEO of **Harrison Street**. In addition, **Zachary Michaud**, the current co-chief investment officer for Colliers, will serve as HSAM's managing partner and global CFO. **Stephen Gordon**, Harrison's Street's current CFO, will serve as an HSAM managing partner and the firm's global chief operating officer.
 - **PROREIT** has appointed **Steven Scott** as chair of its board. Scott joined the board after PROREIT sold six Winnipeg industrial properties to Parkit for \$96.5 million. The majority of PROREIT's board (75%) now comprises independent members, including Parkit. The company holds a 9.6% interest in the REIT following a share acquisition completed in conjunction with the asset sale.
- **CIMA** has appointed **Mathieu Bélanger** as vice-president of earth and environment. He has more than two decades of leadership experience in urban planning, real estate development, public policy and infrastructure. CIMA ranks among Canada's largest private consulting engineering firms.
- **Brenda Buchanan** has been named CEO of the **Real Estate Council of Ontario**. Buchanan has more than two decades of experience in the Ontario regulatory environment. She succeeds **Michael Beard**, who retired in February.
- **Stacy Paquin** is the new CEO of the **Real Estate Council of Alberta**. She was elevated from her former role of chief legal counsel, a position that she held for six-and-a-half years.
 - **Zachary Vaughan** has been appointed CEO of Toronto-based **Northwest Healthcare Properties REIT**. He succeeds **Craig Mitchell**, who retired. He has held leadership roles with **Brookfield** entities, the **Canada Pension Plan Investment Board** and **International Property Corporation, Reichmann International**.
 - **Denis Dubois** has been named president and CEO at the **Desjardins Group**, effective September 2. He has been with the Lévis, Que.-based firm since 2023. Desjardins is a financial co-operative group that provides a wide array of products and services tied to finance and insurance, including real estate banking and investment.
- **Anthem Properties** has appointed **Chase Melynychyn** as vice-president of real estate finance. He moved to the Vancouver-based firm from **Alabaster Homes**, where he spent about a year. He

is rejoining Anthem following a seven-year stint with the company in real-estate finance director and manager roles between 2017 and 2024.

- **Damon Mitchell** has joined **QuadReal Property Group** as operations manager for Western Canadian Place in Calgary. He joined QuadReal after for serving about six years as commercial operations manager for Qualico Properties in the Southern Alberta city.
- **Wallace Wang** has been appointed CFO at **Bridgemarq Real Estate Services**, the parent of **Royal LePage**. He previously served as a senior associate with **Brookfield Asset Management**.
- **Joseph Feldman** has been promoted to president and chief operating officer at **Camrost Felcorp**. He takes over daily operations from his father **David Feldman**, the company's founder, chairman and CEO. Joseph Feldman joined the company in 2014. He has held the COO role since 2020.
 - **Gillian Calderon Dominguez** has been named vice-president of people at Calgary-base **Boardwalk REIT**. She was promoted from her previous role as senior human resources director. Calderon Dominguez has been with Boardwalk since 2004, progressing from her initial position as a customer representative.
- **Jackson Cornelius** has joined **EY-Parthenon** as vice-president of transactions and corporate finance, real estate. He moved to the firm from **M3 Development Management**, where he spent about two years as the company's lead economist. Meanwhile, M3 has appointed **Matthew as Boukall** as director of market advisory.
- **EQB**, the parent of **Equitable Bank**, a large commercial real estate mortgage provider, has appointed **Chadwick Westlake** as its new president and CEO, effective August 25. Westlake rejoins the bank after a brief stint as **CFO** of **Open Text**, where he moved in March. Westlake was formerly the bank's head of finance. He succeeds late CEO **Andrew Moor**, who died unexpectedly in June. Westlake will also join the bank's board. **Marlene Lenarduzzi** will remain as interim president and CEO until Westlake takes the helm. Lenarduzzi will then resume her role as chief risk officer.
 - **S2 Architecture** has promoted **Megan Chabot** to associate principal from her role as an associate. She continues to lead the firm's design team.
- **GWL Realty Advisors** has promoted **Stephanie Burke** to director of property management in Calgary. She previously served as a senior property manager.
- The **2025 Dream Lottery** has launched with 10 new luxury homes in Vancouver and across B.C., available to lucky winners. Other prizes include \$2.5 million in cash. Proceeds will go to the **B.C. Children's Hospital Foundation**. The lottery will run until October 10.
- **IDA Canada**, the **International Downtown Association's** Canadian chapter, will hold Downtown Month across Canada in August. Downtown Month will celebrate and showcase the vital role that downtowns play in communities throughout the country. IDA Canada advocates for federal leaders to strengthen Canada's downtowns. The organization's policy priorities include: Investing in infrastructure and public spaces to promote vibrancy and accessibility; increasing housing density; supporting local businesses and entrepreneurs; addressing homelessness, mental health and addictions; and ensuring downtowns remain safe and inclusive spaces through reforms to the bail system and justice policies. IDA Canada is encouraging its members to promote the importance of downtowns by sharing key messages and engaging their communities during Downtown Month.
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- **Lyndsay Hopps** has joined **JLL Canada** as senior vice-president of industrial in the company's Mississauga, Ont., office. Hopps will leverage her extensive experience as an industrial real estate specialist in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) market to serve clients in leasing, acquisition, and disposition of industrial facilities, with a specific focus on the GTA West submarket, said JLL.

She has two decades of industry experience. In another move, the company promoted **Julian Smith** to senior vice-president of climate and decarbonization practice director. He previously served as the global lead of asset and performance modelling.

- **Phil De Luna** has resigned as **Deep Sky**'s chief science and commercial officer to pursue other opportunities. In a LinkedIn post said he joined Deep Sky to learn how to build a company and has reached a point where he wants to take on a new challenge. Deep Sky is a carbon-removal startup that recently opened its first commercial facility in Innisfail, Alta.
- The **City of Burnaby, B.C.**, has named **Brendan McKeown** its first CEO of its new municipal housing authority. McEown brings more than a decade of affordable-housing experience to his new role. He most recently served as associate vice-president of development strategies at **BC Housing**.
- **Graywood Developments** has appointed **Gregory Sweeney** as chief operating officer. Sweeney moved to Graywood after spending seven years with **Manulife Investment Management**, most recently as a senior managing director and head of Canadian real estate equity transactions and capital markets.
- **Lena Kamenetska** has joined **Hazelview Investments** as a partner responsible for investor relations and asset management.
- **David Blyth** has joined **GWL Realty Advisors** as vice-president of corporate development and investor relations. Blyth brings more than 20 years of experience with expertise in institutional sales, relationship management, and investor engagement to Toronto-based GWLRA. The company said Blyth is taking on a newly developed role and will lead its capital-raising and client-servicing efforts, support the development of new product offerings, and help deepen client relationships—starting with the GWLRA Residential Value Fund.
 - **GWLRA** has also appointed **Namit Bhasvar** as vice-president of residential leasing and marketing. He has 18 years of experience in real estate and hospitality and is known for building strong teams, fostering partnerships, and driving results through collaboration and innovation.

He will lead GWLRA's residential leasing and marketing strategies, supporting the company's vision for growth and excellence in the multi-residential space.

- **Kingsett Capital** CEO **Rob Kumer** has been appointed as co-chair of the Toronto-based **Sinai Health Foundation**'s board of directors. He has been an active member of the board since 2017 and also serves on the board of **Sinai Health**.
 - **James Isenberg** has joined **QuadReal** as vice-president of human resources. He moved to QuadReal after 13 years with CAPREIT.
 - **Oren Jourdan** has been appointed director of construction and development for **Allied Properties REIT**. He previously served as director of development at **Great Gulf**.
 - **Ravelin Properties REIT** has appointed **Calvin Younger** as chair of its board.
- Meanwhile, **George Armoyan** as resigned as board chair but will continue to serve as a member. Armoyan is the majority owner of the REIT through his family-owned firm **G2S2 Capital**. Younger had been a member of the board since March. He has held real estate-related senior executive roles with CIBC, Ernst & Young and a subsidiary and Deutsche Bank Canada. He is also an executive-in-residence and adjunct professor at the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management.
- **Andrew Bernd** has moved to **Lankin Investments** to serve as the company's director of private capital markets. He spent the past three years as manager of private capital markets for **McGillivray**.
 - **Michael Rosenfeld** has joined **407 International**'s board. The company owns Highway 407 ETR, a Greater Toronto Area express toll route, through a subsidiary. Rosenfeld is the managing director of the **Public Sector Pension Plan Investment Board**. Meanwhile, **Jose Espinosa** has

- been appointed as president and CEO of 407 ETR. He succeeds **Javier Tamargo**, who had served in that role since 2020. Tamargo has been named CEO of **Cintra US**, a **Ferrovial** subsidiary and leading private-sector transportation infrastructure company.
- **JLL** has launched its 2025 campaign with **Breakfast Club of Canada** and reached a fundraising milestone to support school breakfast programs across Canada. JLL and Breakfast Club are celebrating the 10th anniversary of their partnership.
 - **Alex Petre** has been promoted to CEO of **Deep Sky**. Petre moved up from her previous position of chief operating officer. She replaces the highly praised **Damien Steel** who stepped down for personal reasons. Montreal-based Deep Sky is developing a series of carbon-removal facilities.
 - **JLL** has expanded its valuation and risk advisory practice. **Charles-André Latour** and **Sébastien Samuel** were both appointed as vice-presidents of Canadian valuation and risk advisory. Latour has more than 20 years of experience in the field, while Samuel has 15.
 - **Nicola Real Estate's** Lightworks office building in Vancouver has garnered the Outstanding Building of the Year award from **BOMA BC**. Lightworks won in the Office Under 100,000 Square Feet category.
 - **Benjamin Shinewald**, president and CEO of **BOMA Canada** has been awarded the prestigious King Charles III Coronation Medal. He was nominated by the **Rick Hansen Foundation**. The honour recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to Canada.
 - **JLL** has appointed **Scott Barras** to oversee business operations and drive growth as the firm's Work Dynamics group lead. Barras will help clients primarily based and operating in Canada drive maximum value from their real estate portfolios. He has 18 years of experience in corporate real estate and has focused recently on with a recent focus on workplace strategy, portfolio transformation and project management across Europe, the Middle East and Asia Pacific.