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We're bringing together an exceptional lineup of speakers for this year's **Families Summit of Minds**, with leading voices from across family enterprise, business, economics, philanthropy, technology and more.

Get ready for fresh perspectives, thought-provoking conversations and ideas that will stay with you long after Banff.



SPEAKERS

Zita Cobb (KEYNOTE SPEAKER)

Founder & CEO, Shorefast and Shorefast Institute for Place-Based Economies ([LinkedIn](#)).

Zita Cobb is a Canadian business leader and social entrepreneur who helped transform her birthplace into a model for community-driven economic development. Born on Fogo Island, Newfoundland and Labrador in 1958, her family was forced to leave when the cod fishery collapsed. After studying business in Ottawa, she became CFO of JDS Uniphase, a global leader in fiber optics technology.



Following her retirement in 2001, Cobb returned to Fogo Island and founded the Canadian registered charity Shorefast in 2004 with her siblings, Alan and Anthony, with a mission to strengthen the community's resilience through place-based economic development. In 2013, Shorefast opened Fogo Island Inn, now a Michelin Three Keys property and an internationally acclaimed example of regenerative tourism. Cobb's pioneering work has earned her a membership in the Order of Canada, and recognition as the first social entrepreneur inducted into the Canadian Business Hall of Fame.

In December 2025, Cobb launched the Shorefast Institute for Place Based Economies, which brings together communities, governments, and markets to develop and expand place-based approaches to economic development, with the mission to create prosperity and dignity for more people and more places.

Learn more at: [The Shorefast Institute - Shorefast](#)

Chip Conley (KEYNOTE SPEAKER)

Founder & Executive Chairman, MEA ([LinkedIn](#)).

Chip Conley is on a midlife mission. After disrupting the hospitality industry twice, first as the founder of Joie de Vivre Hospitality, the second-largest operator of boutique hotels in the U.S., and then as Airbnb's Head of Global Hospitality and Strategy, leading a worldwide revolution in travel, Conley co-founded MEA (Modern Elder Academy) in January 2018 in Baja California, Mexico. Inspired by his experience of intergenerational mentoring as a 'modern elder' at Airbnb, where his guidance was instrumental to the company's extraordinary transformation from fast-growing start-up to the world's most valuable hospitality brand, MEA is the world's first 'midlife wisdom school' and opened a campus in 2024 on a 2,600-acre regenerative horse ranch in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Dedicated to reframing the concept of aging, MEA supports students to navigate midlife with a renewed sense of purpose and possibility.



TIME magazine honored MEA as one of the 100 Greatest Places to Visit in 2024. A New York Times bestselling author, Conley has authored eight books, given three TED talks, has a daily Wisdom Well blog, and a weekly podcast The Midlife Chrysalis which has included a wide variety of guests from Maria Shriver to Arthur Brooks to Elizabeth Gilbert to Rich Roll.

SPEAKERS

Matthew D. Mitchell (KEYNOTE SPEAKER)

Senior Fellow, Fraser Institute ([LinkedIn](#)).

Matthew D. Mitchell is a Senior Fellow in the Fraser Institute's Centre for Human Freedom. Before joining the Institute, he spent many years as a senior fellow at the Mercatus Center at George Mason University, where he continues to hold a position as an affiliated senior scholar, reflecting a long-running research relationship with that institution even after moving to a new organizational home.

Matthew earned his Ph.D. and M.A. in economics from George Mason University, along with a B.A. in political science and a B.S. in economics from Arizona State University. His research and writing concentrate on economic freedom, public choice economics, and what is sometimes called the economics of government favoritism, examining how policy decisions can create winners and losers depending on political rather than market considerations.

Over the course of his career, Matthew has testified before the United States Congress as well as several state legislatures, and he has advised federal, state, and local policymakers on both fiscal and regulatory policy. His research has drawn attention from a wide range of national media outlets, including The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, National Public Radio, and C-SPAN, reflecting the broad relevance of his work on how government policy shapes economic outcomes.



David R. Smith (KEYNOTE SPEAKER)

Smith Advisory Services Inc. ([LinkedIn](#)).

David partners with enterprising families to strengthen stewardship and renew purpose across generations. With 25 years of consulting experience, he has worked with family offices and enterprises stewarding less than \$50 million to more than \$50 billion in assets. His work focuses on governance and decision-making, continuity and succession, next-generation leadership, and collaboration and conflict.

David served for six years on Family Enterprise Canada's National FEA Council, helping advance professional standards and collaboration among advisors, and was recently recognized by his peers as an inaugural Fellow. He is an Executive in Residence at the Rotman School of Management and serves on the Governing Board of Massey College.

He holds an MBA in Strategy and Integrative Thinking from Rotman and is a certified Family Enterprise Advisor, Fellow (F.FEA), corporate director (ICD.D), and professional coach (CPC), with additional degrees in Psychology and English Literature, and Adult Education.



SPEAKERS

Neils Veldhuis (KEYNOTE SPEAKER)

CEO, Fraser Institute ([LinkedIn](#)).



Niels Veldhuis serves as President of the Fraser Institute, Canada's most influential think tank. With nearly 25 years in public policy, Niels has authored six books and more than 50 peer-reviewed studies on a wide range of economic issues. In 2011, he and his co-authors received the prestigious Sir Antony Fisher International Memorial Award for the best-selling book *The Canadian Century*.

Widely respected for his insights, Niels appears regularly in media across North America. His hundreds of commentaries have been featured in over 50 outlets, including The Globe and Mail, Wall Street Journal, National Post, and The Economist. Renowned for explaining complex economic issues in a clear and accessible way, he speaks frequently to audiences ranging from business groups to students and corporate leaders.

Niels has moderated discussions with many prominent figures, including a rare joint appearance with U.S. Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush, as well as Prime Ministers Stephen Harper and Brian Mulroney. He has also led high-profile conversations with esteemed journalists and international diplomats.

An alumnus of Simon Fraser University, Niels was named one of Vancouver's Top 40 Under 40 in 2010. He is an active member of the Young Presidents' Organization (YPO) and currently serves as Regional Chair for YPO in Canada.

Devin deCiantis (PLENARY SPEAKER))

Managing Partner, LGA ([LinkedIn](#)).



Devin deCiantis is Managing Partner at LGA, where he specializes in the financial, organizational, and strategic aspects of family enterprise, bringing a background in corporate strategy, economic analysis, and investment banking to his work with family businesses, family offices, and family foundations.

Raised in Toronto, Canada, Devin holds a master's from the Kennedy School at Harvard with a focus in finance and economics, along with a Bachelor of Business Administration from York University. He has worked with private- and public-sector leaders throughout the Americas, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia, and teaches about family enterprise at Harvard University and the Kellogg School of Management.

Devin's work with family enterprises focuses on continuity planning, governance design, enterprise risk, and shareholder development, and he is frequently invited to speak at global conferences on a range of related topics. His work has been published in journals including the Harvard Business Review and The Atlantic. He recently published his first book, *The Enduring Enterprise*, co-authored with Ivan Lansberg, in November 2024.

Devin lives in Toronto with his wife, Nathalie, and their two children, balancing an international advisory practice with a strong home base in Canada.

SPEAKERS

Ivan Lansberg (PLENARY SPEAKER)

Founding Partner, LGA

Ivan Lansberg is the Co-Founder at Lansberg Gersick Advisors, where he advises complex family enterprises worldwide. Over the last four decades, he has made significant contributions to the understanding of family business governance and succession. He was one of the founders of the Family Firm Institute (FFI) and the first editor of its professional journal, *Family Business Review*.



After receiving his bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees from Columbia University, Ivan taught at the Columbia Graduate School of Business. He then became a professor of organizational behavior at the Yale School of Organization and Management for seven years before founding LGA.

His books *Succeeding Generations* and *Generation to Generation* were both published by Harvard Business School Press and have been widely praised as landmark works. His latest book (co-authored with Devin DeCiantis) is entitled *The Enduring Enterprise: How Family Business Thrive in Turbulent Conditions* and was published by Public Affairs in November 2024.

Since 2000 Ivan has been on the faculty of the Kellogg School of Management, and is a frequent speaker at family business programs organized by universities and industry groups.

For more information, please visit our website: lga.global

Dr. Michele Mikeska Jaffe

Relationship + Wealth Psychologist ([LinkedIn](#)).

Dr. Michele Mikeska Jaffe is a psychologist, consultant, and founder of a boutique private practice specializing in the psychology of family enterprises, relationships, and multigenerational family systems. She partners with individuals, families, family offices, and trusted advisors on communication, identity, belonging, ownership, stewardship, and succession.



Previously, Michele served as Executive Director of Family Dynamics for J.P. Morgan's Family Engagement & Governance team and as Executive Director of Family Business Network USA. Earlier in her career, she led The New York Times R&D Innovation Lab. She holds a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology; her dissertation, *When She Has the Money*, examined financially diverse marriages, cross-cultural family systems, and women with significant inherited wealth.

An internationally recognized speaker and facilitator, Michele blends psychological insight with practical governance to help families strengthen communication, cultivate trust, prepare thoughtful owners, and foster meaningful stewardship.

SPEAKERS

Vern Glaser

PhD, MBA, BA University of Alberta ([LinkedIn](#)).



Dr. Vern L. Glaser is a Professor of Entrepreneurship and Family Enterprise in the Department of Strategy, Entrepreneurship and Management at the Alberta School of Business, where he also serves as the Academic Director of the Alberta Business Family Institute (ABFI). His research and teaching focus on algorithmic organizing — how AI and data analytics reshape decision-making, governance, and strategy — and on family enterprise. His work has appeared in journals including the Academy of Management Review, Academy of Management Journal, Journal of Management Studies, Organization Science, Organization Studies, and Organization Theory. His paper “*The Biography of an Algorithm*” received the James G. March Prize from EGOS, and he recently co-edited *Algorithmic Organizing in the Research in the Sociology of Organizations* series.

Vern brings more than two decades of industry experience to his academic work. In 2005 he founded Red Hill, a consulting and technology services firm that delivers strategy, analytics, and AI-enabled software to mid-sized businesses, many of them family-owned. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Southern California, an MBA from Duke University's Fuqua School of Business, and a BA in Economics from UCLA.

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Wendy Sage-Hayward

Co-founder mGen Education ([LinkedIn](#)).



Wendy Sage-Hayward works at the intersection of family, ownership, and business. She has lived on both sides of the table. As a senior consultant with The Family Business Consulting Group, she advises enterprising families, owners, and boards around the world on the questions that never show up on a balance sheet: who leads next, who owns what, how decisions get made, and how the family stays whole throughout it all. Her work spans governance, continuity planning, leadership development, next-generation preparation, and conflict resolution. Wendy spent years as a fifth-generation partner and director in her father's family business. Today she is a first-generation owner, building an eco-tourism business with her own family in BC's Southern Gulf Islands and living the questions she asks her clients to answer.

Wendy is Academic Director at Family Enterprise Canada, where she leads instruction for the Family Enterprise Advisors (FEA) program. She also teaches at Columbia University and serves on faculty in the Family Shift program at Western University's Ivey Business School, and is co-founder of mGen Education Inc., which trains family firms and their advisors to navigate generational transitions. She is co-author of *Human Resources in Family Business: Maximizing the Power of Your People and Own It! How to Develop an Owner's Mindset at Every Age*, along with numerous articles and book chapters. She lives in Vancouver, British Columbia.

SPEAKERS

Torri Hawley

7th generation, Vollrath Company. Chief Learning Officer, Tamarind Learning ([LinkedIn](#)).



Torri is the Chief Learning Officer (US) for Tamarind Learning and has a decade of experience working with enterprising families. She herself is a seventh-generation member of an enterprising family that owns a 150-year-old operating company. From an early age she was empowered to play an active role in governance, helping form a family council and championing next-gen education and engagement. She now sits on her family office and operating companies' boards. Having experienced the variety of joys and challenges of being part of a family business herself, Torri is passionate about helping next-generation members build their confidence and credibility through empowerment and learning.

Torri attended Stetson University where she graduated with a BBA in Family Enterprise Management, and later completed the Family Firm Institute's Certificate in family business advising and family wealth advising. She earned her master's degree in strategic human resources from the University of Denver.

Torri has shared her perspective as a rising gen stakeholder for Family Business' Transitions conferences, Institute for Family Governance, Purposeful Planning Institute, Family Business Network, Family Office Exchange, and more. She was nominated as one of Family Business Magazine's "25 Under 35: Next-Gen Members to Watch." Torri is actively involved in community efforts and charitable work to address childhood hunger on a local scale. She lives in the Philadelphia suburbs with her husband Charlie and her four-legged best friend Murray.

Navin Amasaruiya

CEO, Contentment Foundation ([LinkedIn](#)).



I serve as CEO of the Contentment Foundation, where we bring scientifically grounded wellbeing practices into school systems around the world. My path into this work unexpectedly began in luxury goods. Raised within a 153 year old family business crafting objects of desire, I found myself with an early view of accumulation's endgame. It left me curious about enoughness, perception, and the stories people tell themselves through the things they pursue. I feel grateful to be born in a time where contemplative traditions meet rigorous science. Since college, I have been drawn to the fertile borders: inner development and outer systems, neuroscience and meditation, education reform and family enterprise, the visible architecture of organisations and the invisible patterns moving through people. I also support EtonHouse Community Fund, the Center for Contemplative Research, and Dharma Gates, each exploring education, contemplative practice, and human flourishing through a different lens. Intelligence solves the problem before us. Wisdom questions whether we are asking the right thing at all. I come most alive where curiosity sharpens into inquiry, where people gather around timeless questions, and where small acts of presence and care send ripples far beyond what the eye can see.

SPEAKERS

Peter Jaskiewicz

Founder & Director, Family Enterprise Legacy Institute ([LinkedIn](#)).

Peter Jaskiewicz is ranked among the world's top 25 academics in family business. Born into a business family in Poland and raised in Germany, he became interested in family enterprise after seeking to understand why succession failed in his own family's business. He studied family firms during his doctoral work at the European Business School in Oestrich-Winkel and while visiting INSEAD, IESE Business School, and other leading institutions.



Peter is a Full Professor at the Telfer School of Management in Ottawa, where he holds the Patricia Saputo Distinguished Chair in Family Enterprise and founded the Family Enterprise Legacy Institute. His influential research focuses on family dynamics, succession, shareholder agreements, next-generation preparation, and family business boards. His work has appeared in leading academic outlets and has been featured in the Harvard Business Review, Wall Street Journal, Globe & Mail, and The Conversation.

His 2021 book, *Enabling Next Generation Legacies*, co-authored with Sabine Rau, has become a key resource for global business families. In 2024, he received the Family Firm Institute's International Award. Peter advises, trains, and mentors family enterprise members worldwide and lives in Ottawa with his wife and their two children.

Gena Rotstein

Founder, Karma & Cents ([LinkedIn](#)).

Gena is widely regarded as one of Canada's leading experts in social enterprise and philanthropy. Since 2002, she has worked with philanthropic families across North America on legacy planning and philanthropic transition management. She founded Canada's first philanthropic brokerage firm, Dexterity Consulting, which grew into Dexterity Ventures and the venture philanthropy fund Place2Give Foundation before she sold the company in 2016 to the B-Corp Good Done Great. In September 2017, together with business partner Richard Ouellette, she launched Karma & Cents Inc., a social impact lab that helps single and multi-family offices design impact-driven legacy and philanthropy plans; the firm has since advised on more than \$200 million in charitable assets across Canada.



With more than 20 years of social business and nonprofit experience in Canada and the United States, Gena has worked with some of Canada's most influential family foundations and financial institutions, and her commentary has appeared in the Globe and Mail, the Financial Post, and on outlets including BNN and CBC. In her free time, Gena is a long-distance cyclist, and she divides her time between Calgary, Alberta and Potsdam, Germany.

SPEAKERS

Caroline Phaneuf

Co-Founder and Managing Partner, Crysalia ([LinkedIn](#)).

Caroline is co-founder and the Managing Director of Crysalia, the learning and leadership development office for multi-generational business families navigating wealth and legacy transitions. Under her leadership, Crysalia was awarded the Family Wealth Report Award for Family Wealth Counselling and the STEP Private Client Awards' Family Business Advisory Practice of the Year in 2024.

Drawing from her experience as a second-generation business family member and 20 years of expertise in strategy, business intelligence, leadership development, and transition management, Caroline is an international speaker and facilitator on family dynamics, governance, and intergenerational transitions. She also leads Crysalia's work in leadership development, corporate strategy, and organizational transformation.

Caroline holds an MSc in Advanced Marketing Management from Lancaster University and a business degree from McGill University. She is a certified coach, holds a Six Sigma Green Belt from McGill University, and completed governance training at Université Laval.



Andrew Keyt

Founder, Generation6 ([LinkedIn](#)).

Andrew Keyt brings over 25 years of professional family business consulting experience and is an internationally known business strategist and succession planning expert. Prior to founding Generation6, Andrew was the President and Founder of Keyt Consulting, a private firm that assists family enterprises with succession and strategic planning, dealing with family conflict and communication, working with adult sibling and cousin teams, and executing emergency management transitions. He has worked extensively with some of the largest enterprising families in the United States. Andrew served as the Clinical Professor in Family Business and Executive Director of the Loyola University Chicago Family Business Center for over 20 years. In addition, he led the Family Business Network – United States (FBN-USA), the leading network for business-owning families worldwide, as President and member of the board between 1998 and 2020. Andrew is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Family Firm Institute Interdisciplinary Award, recognizing outstanding achievement in the advancement of interdisciplinary services to business families. He is a published author, presenter and contributor of more than 100 articles in trade journal publications. Andrews's book, *"Myths and Mortals: Family Business Leadership and Succession Planning,"* leverages groundbreaking research to guide new family business leaders on how to establish credibility and run their operations their way.

Andrew holds an Executive MBA for Families in Business, an M.S. in Marital and Family Therapy and a B.A. in Psychology. He is based in Chicago. Find Andrew on [LinkedIn](#) or [Twitter](#), or contact him at akeyt@generation6.com.



SPEAKERS

Lisa Wolverton

President, Forward Global ([LinkedIn](#)).

Lisa is one of three owners of the Pacific Investment Corporation, a family-owned real estate holdings and investment company, where she has several governance roles. She also leads the family's private foundation, the Vancouver-based Wolverton Foundation, which is dedicated to elevating exposure to the arts and facilitating artistic programs for children who would otherwise be excluded from these opportunities. The foundation has provided a permanent home for The Sarah McLachlan School of Music, its primary grantee partner, for over fifteen years.



In addition to the family's business, Lisa is the President of Forward Global, a member Community of 300+ wealth holders who collectively deploy \$1 billion annually toward a thriving, sustainable, more equitable world. A global platform to amplify proven models and best practices, it supports leaders through curated learning, community and action, collectively addressing urgent issues including climate, democracy, AI, the new economy, social and gender justice, and mental health. From 2021 to 2023 Lisa was a member of the Council of Advocates for the Freedom Fund, a global fund whose sole aim is ending slavery and exploitation. She is also a former member of the President's Council of the International Crisis Group, a nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing and resolving deadly conflict.

A passionate advocate for youth, Lisa has worked for many years to improve the lives of children in Canada. She has served on the Board of Directors of UNICEF Canada, the Board of Directors of Family Services of the North Shore and was a mentor for the Loran Scholarship Foundation of Canada. Recently, Lisa was awarded a Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, from Capilano University, located in North Vancouver. Lisa is the mother of three wonderful daughters.

Thomas Eymond-Laritz

Founder & CEO, Highgate ([LinkedIn](#)).

Thomas Eymond-Laritz is the Founder & CEO of Highgate, a strategic advisory firm expert in dispute resolution and special situations. Thomas has advised more than a dozen Presidents and Prime Ministers, and numerous CEOs and prominent individuals throughout the world on large-scale disputes, crises and philanthropic projects.



Thomas worked for the French Prime Minister in Paris, and served as senior political adviser to the Bulgarian Prime Minister in Sofia and to the Georgian President in Tbilisi. He worked for five years in Kyiv as Chief of Staff to Victor Pinchuk, one of Ukraine's most prominent investors. Before setting up Highgate in 2020, Thomas served as Managing Director at Mercury and Executive Director at APCO Worldwide in London.

Thomas has a longstanding passion for philanthropy and sustainability. He worked for the French Ministry of Environment and played a key role in the creation of the first international Emissions Trading System (ETS). He designed and led the largest philanthropic foundation in Eastern Europe, and spearheaded the creation of an Aspen Institute in both Ukraine and the U.K. He currently sits on the board of the Aspen Institute Kyiv.

Thomas is a French and British citizen. He graduated from the Ecole des Mines de Paris and the Corps des Mines.

SPEAKERS

Matt Knight

Executive Professor, University of Alberta, Executive Director ABFI ([LinkedIn](#)).

Matt Knight serves as Executive Director of the Alberta Business Family Institute (ABFI) and as an Executive Professor at the University of Alberta, where his work centers on family business strategy, governance, applications of artificial intelligence, and the development of next-generation ownership. He is particularly focused on translating academic research into practical, actionable strategies that family enterprises across a wide range of industries can put to immediate use.



Matt's career has moved between consulting and industry, including roles at Deloitte, EY, and Productivity Alberta, as well as leadership positions inside family businesses themselves. He holds the Family Enterprise Advisor (FEA), ACFBA, and ICD.D designations along with an MBA, and is currently completing a Doctor of Business Administration at the University of Calgary, reflecting an ongoing commitment to both scholarship and practice.

Matt speaks at conferences across North America and Europe, teaches family business, consulting, and strategy at the University of Alberta, hosts the *Table Talk* podcast featuring conversations with business family leaders and advisors, and publishes *The Long Table*, a weekly newsletter on family business trends.

He lives in Edmonton with his partner, two daughters, and their dog, and enjoys running, biking, skiing, and outdoor activity generally.

Glen Galaich

CEO, Stupski Foundation ([LinkedIn](#)).

Glen Galaich, Ph.D. (he/him), is the CEO of the [Stupski Foundation](#)—one of the nation's most ambitious philanthropic spend-down efforts that is returning all of its resources by 2029 to advance health equity, food justice, postsecondary education, and economic opportunity in the San Francisco Bay Area and Hawai'i. His professional mission is to support equity, justice, and dignity in solidarity with communities that have been denied these essential values throughout history. He is committed to combating systemic racism, sexism, and discrimination in all its forms; reducing practices of donor control that restrict resources to nonprofit organizations; and supporting a multiracial democracy.



Named one of [TIME100's most influential people in philanthropy](#), Glen has worked for over two decades in partnership with philanthropists, policymakers, and community leaders to amplify their impact to advance social change. With an extensive background in human rights and philanthropy management, he has a history of building relationships based on his honest outlook and ability to cut through the noise, outlining steps necessary to effect lasting change. As the co-host of the [Break Fake Rules](#) podcast and author of the [Who Gives?](#) Substack, Glen questions philanthropy's self-imposed rules and seeks ways philanthropy can better serve communities and contribute to lasting systemic change.

SPEAKERS

Philip Aminoff

MSc (Econ), MBA (INSEAD), DSc (Econ) h.c. ([LinkedIn](#)).

Philip is a Finnish entrepreneur. He represents the fourth owner generation in his family's businesses which comprise technical trade, technology, real estate and asset management.

Philip is Chairman of industrial holding companies Tenetor, Helvar Merca, Helectron and Transmeri Group, Deputy Chairman of Veho (automotive trade), Helvar (lighting control), Fastems (factory automation), Electrosonic (audio-visual solutions) and Boca Holding (wine estate Le Piane), and Member of the Board of Otava (publishing house), Philip chaired the Family Business working group of the Finnish Ministry of Trade and Industry 2004-05, European Family Business 2008-12, the Jury of the EY Entrepreneur of the Year Award in Finland 2014-15, Directors Institute Finland 2016-18, FBN Finland 2018-20 and the German-Finnish Chamber of Commerce 2019-21. He was Deputy Chairman of the Domestic Ownership working group of the Finnish Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment in Finland 2020-21.



Richa Bahl

Partner PwC, Family Enterprise Advisory Leader ([LinkedIn](#)).

Richa Bahl is a Partner and the National Family Enterprise Advisory Leader at PwC Canada. With more than 20 years of experience, she advises family-owned businesses and multi-generational enterprises at the intersection of family, ownership and business. Richa helps families build governance structures, clarify roles and decision rights, prepare rising generations for ownership, and approach succession and difficult conversations with greater confidence – supporting long-term stewardship, enduring relationships and a shared sense of purpose.

Her work spans family, ownership and business governance; family office design and professionalization; next-generation development; wealth stewardship; and technology and AI enablement for family enterprises. As a certified Family Enterprise Advisor, Richa is an experienced facilitator, speaker and thought leader who brings practical insight to the human and structural challenges families face across generations. She has also held board positions in the past including sitting on the prestigious Global Family Firm Institute.



SPEAKERS

Christina Sorbara

ICD.D, AccBD, FEA

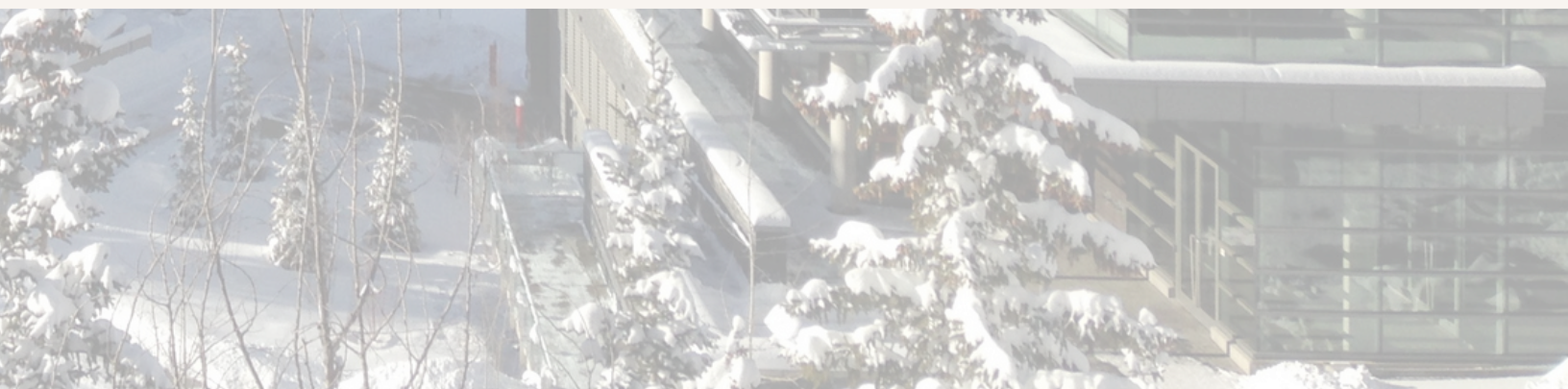


Christina Sorbara, ICD.D, AccBD, FEA, is a highly regarded business leader, corporate director, strategic coach, author, speaker and former national team athlete. Within the multi-generational and multi-family-run Real Estate Development company, the Sorbara Group of Companies (1942), she is an organizational leadership and governance executive, EVP Corporate Knowledge, part of the Strategic Planning Oversight Group, Lead of Human Resources and Corporate Responsibility across all departments of the company and shareholders. She is a director on the Advisory Board, Chair of the HR Committee and she also Chairs The Sam Sorbara Charitable Foundation (1982) and serves on several boards, including the SickKids Foundation, the President's Executive Committee of Brown University and is the Campaign Chair for Ontario Tech University, which in 2023, proudly conferred upon Christina the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. Christina is the first Family Business Institute Fellow at Toronto Metropolitan University's Ted Rogers School of Business. In 2024, she was named as one of the "Transformational Women in Family Business" by Family Business Magazine (USA.)

The Sorbara Group of Companies has been an innovative force shaping Ontario's real estate sector for more than 85 years; an integrated real estate, planning, development, construction, investment and management firm, operating commercial, industrial, office and retail properties, managing residential rentals and building high-rise and low-rise communities.

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