

Women in Risk

LEADERSHIP IN AN INTERCONNECTED RISK ENVIRONMENT

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2:00 PM **Opening Remarks**
Karrie Van Belle, *Chief Operating Officer, GRI*

2:15 PM **Strategic Risk Oversight in a World of Interconnectivity**
Kim Thomassin, *Executive Vice President, La Caisse*
Moderator: David Latour, *CRO, La Caisse*

The central challenge facing risk leaders today, and the financial services sector more broadly, is the necessity to govern organizations through an environment where risks are increasingly interdependent and where volatility and uncertainty have become defining conditions rather than exceptions.

3:00 PM **Shifting from Static Preparedness to Dynamic Resilience**
Kari Pries, *Senior Manager, Geopolitical Risk, PSP Investments*
Elaine Lajeunesse, *Board Director, Desjardins*
Nora Traum, *Associate Professor, HEC Montréal*
Moderator: Linda El Ghordaf, *National Risk Services Market Leader, KPMG Canada*

Geopolitics and macroeconomic risk have always been linked, but are more closely connected than ever as global powers use tariffs and sanctions as geopolitical strategy, and global connectivity transmits shocks rapidly across regions and sectors, requiring greater agility in organizational risk response plans. Leaders from across the financial sector discuss how risk teams can adapt to a new reality of interconnected threats.

3:45 PM **Break**

4:00 PM **Tech Disruption: Keeping Up with the Pace of Innovation**
Rheia Khalaf, *Director of Partnerships, Mila*
Marie-Christine Custeau, *Chief Strategy and Transformation Officer, Laurentian*
Eve-Marie Cormier, *Vice President, Information Security and Technology Controls (CISO), La Caisse*
Moderator: Vanda Vicars, *Executive Consultant, GRI*

Artificial intelligence and other rapidly emerging technologies are reshaping the competitive landscape, transforming how organizations operate and emboldening bad actors. With cyber threats escalating and adoption of advanced technologies accelerating, this session takes a hard look at how the pace of innovation is impacting operational resilience, and how oversight can evolve alongside rapid change and capitalize on the opportunities it creates.

5:00 PM **Networking Reception**

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