Paul Lamontagne to join Steward Redqueen as Associate Partner in Canada

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We are thrilled to announce that Paul Lamontagne will be joining Steward Redqueen as an Associate Partner. Paul has had a longstanding career in banking, venture capital, development finance and impact investing. Most recently, Paul was the Founder CEO of FinDev Canada – Canada's development finance institution.

We see a growing demand among Canadian banks, asset owners and asset managers for advice on responsible finance and impact investing. Together, with Paul's background and presence in Canada, and Steward Redqueen's reputation as an established boutique firm, we bring a strong proposition for Canadian financial institutions and additional experience to service impact investors.

Paul Lamontagne says about this collaboration: "Since stepping down as CEO of Canada's DFI in 2020, I have continued to seek progress towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, around gender equality and climate action. In my view, we are in the early stages of the mainstreaming of impact investing, so we need to bring more energy to impact methodologies and innovative approaches to scaling private capital for people, planet, and profit. I'm thrilled to be partnering with Steward Redqueen, a recognized global leader in this space, at a time when Canadian institutions and companies are ready to act."

Willem Vosmer says about this collaboration: "Ever since we started working for Canadian clients in 2017, we spoke to so many Canadian banks and investors who wanted to explore new impact opportunities for their business but didn't know how. We successfully supported quite a few of them. With Paul on board now, we can do so much more. As a proven global leader in impact investing, Paul will bring a lot of value as an advisor to the financial sector in Canada."

In May, we announced the opening of a new Steward Redqueen office in Washington, D.C. We see a great opportunity for our colleagues in Washington D.C. and Montreal to jointly service our North American clientele.

About Paul Lamontagne

Paul Lamontagne is a pioneer and innovator in the field of development finance and impact investing. He was the Founder CEO of FinDev Canada, as well as the co-Founder of Enablis Financial Corporation, an Impact Investing fund management company in Africa. Paul is an ardent feminist and was instrumental in the launch of the *2X Challenge: Financing for Women* at the G7 Summit in 2018. Over the years, Paul has held leadership positions in banking, private equity, venture capital, and impact investing in Canada, Europe, and Africa. Paul serves as an advisor and non-executive director to a number corporate and not-for-profit organizations. He currently co-chairs the Advisory Board of Canada Forum for Impact Investment and Development, and chairs the Board of YPO's regional gold chapter in Canada. He received his BA from McGill University and his MBA from the Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris. Paul is based in Montreal.

About Steward Redqueen

Steward Redqueen is specialized advisory firm on a mission to "make business work for society". For over 20 years, we have worked across the globe advising organizations on impact and sustainability. The firm has grown to a team of some 25 professionals serving as a trusted partner to financial institutions and companies from a range of industries such as agriculture, extractives, FMCG, transport and infrastructure. The company's headquarter is in The Netherlands, but we also have a presence in Washington D.C., Spain, Sweden, and Singapore. For more details, please visit our website.

More information

To learn more about how the Steward Redqueen team can be of service to you in Canada and beyond, please contact Paul Lamontagne or Willem Vosmer.