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Lara Zink is currently President & CEO of Women in Capital Markets. WCM is the largest network of female professionals in Canadian finance, with initiatives that impact the careers of countless female professionals & students across Canada.

Prior to joining WCM, Lara spent 18 months in venture capital. She is an angel investor and a mentor at a startup accelerator called NEXT Canada. NEXT accelerates the growth trajectory of aspiring and scaling entrepreneurs with education, mentorship, funding, and access to Canada's strongest entrepreneurial network.

From 1995 to 2019 Lara worked at RBC Capital Markets. She sold North American and European equity research and investment banking products to many of Canada's largest institutional investors, including pension funds, bank owned mutual funds, and independent fund managers. A lead partner in RBC Women's Leadership ETF, she has been a strong advocate for ED&I throughout her career and has extensive volunteer experience for social impact.

Lara holds a Bachelors of Arts degree from UWO, and an MBA from the Rotman School of Management. Lara is a Governor on the University of Toronto Governing Council, she sits on two Foundation boards, the CAMH Campaign Cabinet, and is a volunteer for the Special Olympics.

Lara has been an active mentor to junior women and men throughout her career.