

Catalyst Canada Honors KPMG's very own Michael Bach

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For his work in improving diversity, equity and inclusion, Michael Bach receives recognition from Catalyst Canada.

TORONTO, June 8, 2011 /CNW/ – KPMG LLP (Canada) today announces that Catalyst Canada, a leading nonprofit membership organization expanding opportunities for women and business, has recognized one of KPMG's own. Michael Bach, Director of Diversity, equity and inclusion at KPMG is being honored for his endless and devoting work to improve diversity within KPMG.

Mr. Bach was instrumental in making KPMG the first accounting firm in Canada to set targets for women becoming partners at the firm, and the result has been an increase in the proportion of women and visible minorities in new partner classes at KPMG from 40 percent in 2009 to 51 percent in 2010. "Our goal is to ensure we have a workplace that is inclusive of all of our people. If we work together we can achieve this goal and in doing so, create a workplace where everyone has the opportunity to succeed!" explains Michael Bach.

Beyond the KPMG's walls, Mr. Bach's has taken his commitment to diversity into the local communities. He is the Founder and Board Chair of Pride at Work Canada, and he is an advisory board member for the Canada's Most Powerful Women: Top 100 program run by Women's Executive Network. He is also heavily involved with the Canadian Board Diversity Council and the Rotman School of Management's Back to Work Program.

"We are so very proud of Michael Bach and all that he has accomplished since joining the KPMG family. But even more we are delighted with the difference and the progress he has made in improving diversity and equity through KPMG. This is a very deserving award for Michael Bach," Mario Paron, Chief Human Resource Officer of KPMG.

As a champion of diversity, Mr. Bach continues to work to raises awareness of stereotypes every day and confront the rigid notions about women and other individuals with diverse backgrounds.

Mr. Bach and his fellow honorees will be celebrated at The Catalyst Canada Honours dinner on Tuesday, October 18, 2011, at The Fairmont Royal York in Toronto.

ABOUT KPMG

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For more information about Community Leadership at KPMG, please visit:
<http://www.kpmg.com/Ca/en/WhoWeAre/CommunityLeadership/Pages/Default.aspx>

ABOUT CATALYST

Founded in 1962, Catalyst is the leading nonprofit membership organization expanding opportunities for women and business. With offices in the United States, Canada, and Europe, and more than 400 preeminent corporations as members, Catalyst is the trusted resource for research, information, and advice about women at work. Catalyst annually honors exemplary organizational initiatives that promote women's advancement with the [Catalyst Award](#).

ABOUT THE CATALYST CANADA HONOURS

The [Catalyst Canada Honours](#) celebrates champions of women in Canadian business. Recognizing that what's good for women is good for business, these exceptional individuals are personally and visibly committed to the advancement of women and serve as powerful role models for Canadian corporate leaders.