

Lara is a global leader, board director, and sustainability professional who is dedicated to building a better future.

She is passionate about empowering women and marginalized populations and has established ESG as a strategic pillar for Architech, where she serves as COO & CFO. Under her leadership, Architech has been recognized as one of *Canada's Top Growing Companies* for two consecutive years. Lara is a driving force for inclusion at Architech, which has achieved a leadership team comprised of 50% women, established gender pay equity, and increased women in technology roles and diverse representation, well exceeding industry averages.

Lara has over 20 years of experience serving on boards. She is currently board Co-Chair at the *Canadian Center for Women's Empowerment* and serves on the Board of Directors of *QueerTech*. She is an Advisory Board member of *Harvard Business Review* and a part of *Fast Company's Impact Council*. Lara serves on *50/50 Women on Boards* global Strategic Council.

Lara holds a *Global Competent Boards Designation* (GCB.D) focused on Environmental, Social, Governance strategy and risk management, and will complete their Climate & Biodiversity Certificate Program this year. Lara is a member of Competent Boards esteemed faculty providing subject matter expertise in their designation program on diversity, equity, inclusion & wellness. In 2021 she attended the *Canadian Council of Innovators* inaugural Innovation Governance Program and in 2023 achieved the NACD Directorship Certification (NACD.DC.) She holds a Bachelor of Administrative and Commercial Studies from The University of Western Ontario and is a Chartered Professional Accountant in Ontario, Canada.

For the past three years Lara has been recognized on *Involve UK's* global Outstanding LGBTQ+ Role Model Lists, which showcase business leaders who are breaking down barriers and creating more inclusive workplaces across the world. In 2023 Lara was recognized by *50/50 Women on Boards* as one of "50 Women to Watch for Boards", named as one of "Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women" by *WXN Network*, and recognized as a Fellow by the *Chartered Accountant Association of Ontario*, the profession's highest distinction.

Lara is a member of the *Institute of Corporate Directors and Women Get on Board*. In the United States, she is a member of the *National Association of Corporate Directors* and the *Association of LGBTQ+ Corporate Directors*. Lara participates in *Out Leadership's* global ESG roundtables, shaping initiatives into actionable ESG strategies and advancing LGBTQ+ equality. Lara is a member of the *United Nations Global Compact CFO Coalition for the SDGs* (sustainable development goals), a global effort to promote sustainable corporate finance. Lara participated in Roundtable discussions on International Audit and Assurance Standards Board exposure draft on the Proposed International Standard on Sustainability Assurance (ISSA) 5000, Requirements for Sustainability Assurance Engagements. She joins *CPA Ontario's* newly formed Sustainability Strategic Advisory Committee to shape the future of the profession in sustainability reporting and assurance.

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