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IT leader Mark S. Saunders appointed to the HSBC Bank Canada Board of Directors

Mark S. Saunders has been appointed to the HSBC Bank Canada Board of Directors as a non-executive director effective today.

Mark is currently Executive Vice-President, Enterprise Services at Sun Life and will retire on 30 April 2021. He was previously Sun Life's Executive Vice-President & Chief Information Officer for over 11 years and in 2018 was named Canadian Private Sector CIO of the Year by the Information Technology Association of Canada. Prior to joining Sun Life in 2009, Mark was with Barclay's PLC as Senior Technology Officer for Barclay's Commercial Bank. He also held executive roles with BMO Financial Group where he managed enterprise infrastructure and as CIO for BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc. Mark is also a member of the Sinai Health System Board of Directors and Board of Trustees of the Collingwood General and Marine Hospital.

Samuel Minzberg, Chairman of the Board of Directors, HSBC Bank Canada said: "I am delighted to welcome Mark to the Board. He has a strong track record in business transformation and leveraging the latest IT innovations to meet customer needs. This will be important as we help our customers to rebuild after the economic challenges of COVID-19 and continue to make HSBC a better place to bank – consolidating the gains we have made through extensive investments in technology and growth over the last several years."

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