



W. James Westlake

Group Head, International Banking and Insurance

BIOGRAPHY

As Group Head, International Banking and Insurance, Jim Westlake is responsible for RBC's banking businesses outside Canada as well as the organization's global insurance platform. As a member of Group Executive, he is one of nine executives responsible for setting the overall strategic direction of RBC.

Prior to his current position, Mr. Westlake was Group Head, Canadian Banking, leading RBC's domestic retail banking and global insurance businesses. From 1995 to 2004, Mr. Westlake was chairman, president and chief executive officer of RBC Insurance.

Before joining RBC in January 1995, Mr. Westlake spent 19 years with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, most recently as vice-president and chief operating officer of Canadian operations.

Mr. Westlake has a long history of service to community and charitable organizations including hospitals, universities and children's associations. Activities of note include serving as Chair of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and General Campaign Chair of the United Way of Peel Region. Mr. Westlake was the recipient of the Queen's Golden Jubilee medal for community service.

He is also on the boards of the Canadian Paralympic Committee and the International Insurance Society.

Born in Kingston, Ontario, Mr. Westlake graduated with a diploma in business administration from Loyalist College in Belleville and a Master of Business Administration degree from Queen's University.
