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**Karen Gavan**

Born: 1961

Nationality: Canadian

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Karen Gavan was elected to the Board of Directors of Swiss Re in 2018. She is a member of the Audit Committee. She is also a member of the Board of Directors of Swiss Re America Holding Corporation.

**Professional experience**

Karen Gavan started her career in finance roles at Prudential Insurance, Imperial Life and Canada Life. Afterwards, at Transamerica Life Canada/AEGON Canada, Karen Gavan worked as Chief Financial Officer and then Chief Operating Officer. Until her retirement in November 2016, she served for five years as Chief Executive Officer at Economical Insurance, one of Canada's leading property and casualty insurance companies, preparing the company for its initial public offering. During her leadership, the company also launched SONNET, Canada's first fully digital insurer.

**External appointments**

- Board member of Mackenzie Financial Corporation

**Educational background**

- Honours Bachelor of Commerce, Lakehead University, Canada
- Fellow, Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario, Canada

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