

# Mac Van Wielingen

Founder and Director, ARC Financial Corp.

Mac Van Wielingen is a veteran energy executive, private equity investor, director, philanthropist, and has been called “Calgary’s corporate radical”<sup>1</sup> for his progressive thinking and unique grasp of corporate leadership, strategy and human behaviour. Van Wielingen’s unconventional corporate idealism has been developed through extensive experience in building businesses and by his knowledge as a self-described “student of business.”



Van Wielingen most recently was the Chair (2014 - 2017) of the Board of [Alberta Investment Management Corporation](#) (AIMCo), where he joined as an original director in 2007. AIMCo is the fifth largest investment management company in Canada managing approximately \$100 billion on behalf of 32 endowment, pension and government funds in The Province of Alberta.<sup>2</sup>

He is a founder and director (1989 - Present) of [ARC Financial Corp.](#), the largest private equity investment management company in Canada focused on the energy sector with approximately \$5 billion of capital under management. ARC Financial has invested in over 180 businesses, with ownership control in most, providing Van Wielingen with a unique foundation of experience and understanding relating to the challenges and realities of building businesses.

Van Wielingen is also a founder and former Chair (1996-2016) of [ARC Resources Ltd.](#), a leading Canadian oil and gas producer, with a current market capitalization of approximately \$6 billion. In 2015 and 2016, while Van Wielingen was Chairman of the Board, ARC Resources was ranked #1 in Brendan Wood International’s Shareholder Confidence Index in the Energy and Power Group, and was selected as the TopGun Board of the Year.<sup>3</sup> ARC Resources remains recognized

<sup>1</sup> Pitts, G. (March 4, 2016). *Calgary’s Corporate Radical*. Institute of Corporate Directors. <http://www.viewpointgroup.ca/public/press/16071220071468355893.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.aimco.alberta.ca/Who-We-Are/At-a-Glance>

<sup>3</sup> <http://topgunpress.com/brendan-wood-announces-topgun-boards-of-canada-selected-by-shareholders/>

as a top board, ranking among the top 1% of 1400 companies surveyed globally by Brendan Wood International in 2017.<sup>4</sup> In addition, the Canadian Coalition for Good Governance selected ARC Resources as the 2016 recipient of the Governance Gavel Award, presented for the Best Disclosure of Corporate Governance and Executive Compensation Practices.<sup>5</sup>

Van Wielingen is also Founder and Chairman of Viewpoint Group, a private family owned group of companies. This includes Viewpoint Foundation through which the Van Wielingen family have invested more than \$15 million to over 100 charitable organization since 2001. Viewpoint Group also includes a thought leadership centre focused on governance and advanced leadership knowledge and practices. The Van Wielingen family also own and control Viewpoint Investment Partners, an investment management company offering a foundational global investment alternative for high net worth families and institutional investors.

Van Wielingen is a strong advocate for advancing business leadership and corporate governance. With a lifelong interest in leadership studies, his efforts in the area became more focused in response to the 2008-09 financial crisis. This led to co-founding the [Canadian Centre for Advanced Leadership](#) at the Haskayne School of Business at the University of Calgary in 2012, where he continues to serve as Chair of the External Advisory Group. Van Wielingen's passion for learning and sharing keeps him actively involved in speaking engagements, writing pursuits and community events, with the goal of advancing dialogue and catalyzing positive change among directors and business leaders. Since 2010, Van Wielingen has participated in over 65 speaking engagements and has published two articles with the Conference Board of Canada ([2015](#); [2017](#)) which explore "The Evolving Role of the Corporate Board."<sup>6</sup>

Van Wielingen has received numerous forms of recognition, including: Fraser Institute Founders' Award, 2017<sup>7</sup>; Calgary Business Hall of Fame Laureate, 2016<sup>8</sup>; Fellow of the Institute of Corporate Directors, 2016<sup>9</sup>; Chairman of the Year, Alberta Oil, 2015<sup>10</sup>; Honorary Doctor of Laws, University of Calgary, 2014<sup>11</sup>; Distinguished Business Leader Award, 2014<sup>12</sup>; Calgary Ivey Leadership Award, 2013<sup>13</sup>; and Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year, Prairies, 2011<sup>14</sup>.

Van Wielingen is an honours graduate of the Ivey School of Business and has studied post-graduate economics at Harvard University.

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<sup>4</sup> <http://topgunpress.com/brendan-woods-topgun-club-boards-why-they-win/>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.ccg.ca/index.cfm?id=17592>

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.conferenceboard.ca/e-library/abstract.aspx?did=7304>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.fraserinstitute.org/content/2017-founders-award-calgary-tribute-dinner-honouring-mac-van-wielingen>

<sup>8</sup> <http://calgarybusinesshalloffame.org/laureates.html>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.icd.ca/About-the-ICD/ICD-Fellowship-Awards.aspx>

<sup>10</sup> <http://www.albertaoilmagazine.com/2015/01/mac-van-wielingen-c-suite-energy-executive-awards-chairman-year/>

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.ucalgary.ca/utoday/issue/2014-05-23/honorary-degree-and-otuc-recipients-announced-june-convocation>

<sup>12</sup> <http://haskayne.ucalgary.ca/rewarding-excellence/distinguished-business-leader/2014-recipient>

<sup>13</sup> <http://www.ivey.uwo.ca/alumni/news-events/awards-recognition/leadership-award-calgary/>

<sup>14</sup> <http://business.financialpost.com/news/prairie-region-entrepreneur-of-the-year>