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## Joseph L. Rotman OC, LL.D. Chairman of Grand Challenges Canada



Mr. Rotman is Chairman of Roy-L Capital Corporation, a private family investment company. He launched his business career in 1962 and has been involved in establishing a number of private and public companies active in oil trading, petroleum distribution, oil and gas exploration, merchant banking, real estate and venture capital. He has served on numerous corporate boards including the Bank of Montreal, Barrick Gold Corporation, Canada Northwest Energy Ltd., Masonite International and TrizecHahn Corp. He founded Tarragon Oil and Gas, Geocrude Energy, PanCana Resources, PanCana Minerals and Embassy Resources, as well as a number of other companies, and served as their Chair. He also founded Clairvest Group Inc., a merchant bank, and continues to serve as a Member of the Board.

In July 2008, Joseph L. Rotman was appointed to a five-year term as Chair of the Canada Council for the Arts, the Crown corporation that for over half a century has been the principal conduit of federal support for Canada's professional artists and arts organizations. Canada Council for the Arts provides grants, endowments, prizes, research, and arts promotion. In addition, it administers the Canada Council Art Bank, Killam Program, Public Lending Right Commission and the Canadian Commission for UNESCO.

In 2009, Joseph Rotman was appointed Chairman of Grand Challenges Canada ("GCC"), a new, independent non-profit organization funded by the Government of Canada to deliver the Development Innovation Fund announced in Budget 2008. GCC is a new approach to foreign aid that strives to transform global health through Integrated Innovation - coordinated application of scientific/technological, social and business innovation to develop solutions to complex health challenges. GCC works in a consortium with Canada's International Development Research Centre and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, and is hosted by the McLaughlin-Rotman Centre for Global Health.

In 2008/9, Joseph Rotman co-led a major review and study of the state of brain research in Ontario and Canada with recommendations that Ontario had the assets to be a leader in brain research and development and recommendations on how to transform brain research, translation and commercialization to meet that objective. Based on this, Mr. Rotman helped

establish the Ontario Brain Institute in 2010 and is currently serving as Chair of the Institute, which has already attracted significant government, private philanthropic, corporate and academic support.

Mr. Rotman is also chair of the Ontario Health Study's Provincial Advisory Council. The Ontario Health Study aims to advance knowledge on the prevention, detection and treatment of chronic diseases, including cancer, heart disease, asthma, and depression. The not-for-profit Study is funded by four organizations: the Ontario Institute for Cancer Research, Cancer Care Ontario, Public Health Ontario, and the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer and the Canadian Partnership for Tomorrow Project, which is made up of five regional health studies across Canada.

### **LIFE SCIENCES AND INNOVATION**

Mr. Rotman has applied his business experience to the advancement of Canadian life sciences research, the development of Canada's innovation and commercialization capacity, and related public policy at the federal and provincial levels, including:

- **Canadian Institute of Health Research:** Member of Governing Council (June 2000-06), Executive Committee (June 2002-06) and Chair of the President's International Advisory Committee (June 2000-06).
- **Canada Gairdner International Awards** for outstanding achievement in biomedical research worldwide: Member of Board of Directors, and of Board of Trustees (February 2005-present); Member of the Executive Committee (2008- Present).
- **Development Advisory Committee ("DAC")** (2011): Member of advisory group to the Global Network of Science Academies and Royal Societies and the International Academy Council ("IAC").
- **Government of Canada Expert Panel on Commercialization** (2004-06). Chaired the preparation of "People and Excellence: The Heart of Successful Commercialization", a report for Industry Canada.
- **Innovations Foundation University of Toronto:** Chaired restructuring on behalf of VP Research.
- **MaRS (Medical and Related Sciences Discovery District):** Founder and Member of the Board (2000- 2011).
- **Ontario BIOCouncil:** Chaired the preparation of the BIOCouncil Report (2002), which the Ontario government used to assist in Ontario's Biotech Strategy.
- **Ontario Genomics Institute:** Board of Directors (2001-06) and Chair (2001-04).
- **StemCell Network:** Board of Directors (2005-08).

### **ARTS, EDUCATION AND HEALTHCARE**

Mr. Rotman and his wife Sandra have made a long-term commitment to promote the development of internationally renowned Canadian institutions in the arts, education and healthcare through active involvement and financial assistance.

- **Arts (1970 – present):**
  - **Art Gallery of Ontario – Board Member** (1991-2000): **Chair of the Board** (1993-96).



- **Governor General's Performing Arts Awards Member of the Board** (1996-98).
- **Louis Applebaum Visitorship in Film Composition:** Founders at the School of Music, University of Toronto.
- **The Elinor and Lou Siminovitch Prize in Theatre:** One of the original Founders.
- **Benefactors of:** Art Gallery of Ontario, Israel Museum, Toronto Symphony Orchestra, Canadian Opera Company, The National Ballet of Canada, and the Toronto International Film Festival.
- **Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care (1985-present):**
  - **Baycrest Board of Directors;** (1985-08).
  - **Baycrest Research Advisory Committee:** Co-Chair; (1985 – 2009).
  - **Rotman Research Institute:** Established in 1989 to create leading-edge knowledge in cognitive neuroscience, including cognitive theory, the aging process, sophisticated imaging methods and analyses, and to translate the most recent research results directly to patients.
  - **Sandra A. Rotman Program in Neuropsychiatry:** The program aims to ensure that new knowledge about treatments, including optimal drug prescribing in the elderly population, is transferred quickly and effectively.
- **University Health Network (1990-present):**
  - **McLaughlin-Rotman Centre for Global Health:** The Centre's mission is to conduct translational research on malaria and on ethics and commercialization in global health to help researchers and companies get life sciences technologies to those who need them in the developing world.
  - **Sandra Rotman Chair in Health Sector Strategy:** Focusing on developing the next generation of Canadian healthcare leaders and advancing evidence-based decision-making and policy development in the health sector.
- **University of Toronto (1981-present):**
  - **Committee for Honorary Degrees** (2001-04).
  - **Governing Council Member** (1995-03); **Executive Committee Member** (1998-03).
  - **U of T Asset Management Corporation:** Vice-Chair (2000-06).
  - **Rotman School of Management:** Primary benefactors, with the objective of creating an internationally-renowned business education institution and globally competitive leaders.
  - **Lloyd and Delphine Martin Prosperity Institute**
  - **Sandra Rotman Chair in Social Work:** For research to identify emerging trends in trauma and their uses among first responders.
  - **RISE Asset Development:** Self-employment encouragement for people with mental health and addiction issues overseen by the Centre for Addiction & Mental Health and the Rotman School of Management: A venture philanthropy enterprise that invests in those in need to achieve economic independence and meaningful social interaction through financial investment and mentoring support.
- **University of Western Ontario (1999 - present):**
  - **Rotman Institute of Philosophy:** To foster a global centre to build novel and productive bridges between the humanities and the sciences to address relevant issues faced by society.
  - **Rotman Canada Research Chair in Philosophy of Science:** To enhance an international competitive academic program, addressing the nature of scientific theory.

Joseph Rotman received his B.A. from the University of Western Ontario in 1957 and his M.Comm. from the University of Toronto in 1960. During 1960-61 he studied at the Columbia University Graduate School of Business in the Ph.D. program. Mr. Rotman was awarded an honorary LL.D. from the University of Toronto in 1994. His appointment as an Officer of the Order of Canada was announced on January 4, 1995. He was inducted into the Canadian Business Hall of Fame as a Companion in May 2009 and was awarded an Honourary LLD from the University of Western Ontario in June 2009. The Association of Fundraising Professionals honoured Sandra and Joseph Rotman with the 2009 Outstanding Philanthropists Award. Sandra and Joseph Rotman were selected as torchbearers for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Torch Run in Toronto on December 17, 2009. Sandra and Joseph were also awarded with the Beth Sholom Brotherhood Humanitarian award in 2011, and Joseph Rotman is the Honouree of the Toronto Club's 2011 Annual Members Dinner.