



## **Portfolio Management Association of Canada (PMAC) Announces Winners of 2026 PMAC Awards for Excellence in Investment Journalism**

**TORONTO, ON, June 1, 2026** – The Portfolio Management Association of Canada (PMAC) today recognizes the recipients of the **2026 PMAC Awards for Excellence in Investment Journalism**. This annual honour highlights the essential role Canada’s top financial reporters play in demystifying complex economic forces, translating volatile market trends, and giving everyday investors the clarity they need to chart their financial futures.

This year’s award-winning stories brought critical transparency to a fractured financial landscape, digging into the high-stakes human toll behind a rising star hedge fund’s collapse and the widespread investor fallout from Canada’s pandemic-era SPAC boom. Winners also pulled back the curtain on the hidden public risks tied to private assets, analyzed the direct threat of shifting U.S. tax policies on Canadian portfolios, investigated the rising regulatory crackdown on financial “influencers”, and explored why the precise timing of professional financial advice can fundamentally alter an investor’s success.

“At a time when markets are more volatile and information channels are more siloed than ever, Canadians need clear and grounded financial reporting they can trust,” says PMAC President Katie Walmsley. “This year’s winners cut straight to the core of what truly matters to Canadian investors, striking through the daily noise to deliver coverage that empowers individuals to make smarter, more informed decisions about their wealth. We congratulate these recipients for their exceptional dedication to journalistic excellence.”

**The winners of the 2026 PMAC Awards for Excellence in Investment Journalism are:**

### **LONG-FORM SUBMISSION:**

#### **1st Prize:**

Joe O’Connor (Financial Post) for [Death of a hedge fund prodigy](#)

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:**

Barbara Shecter (Financial Post) for [Canada's SPAC 'debacle': How a shortcut to market has spelled trouble for companies and investors](#)

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:**

Jameson Berkow and Clare O’Hara (Globe and Mail) for [Private Assets, Public Risk](#)

## **SHORT-FORM SUBMISSION:**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Prize:**

Clare O'Hara and Rudy Mezzetta (Globe and Mail) for [Trump tax threatens Canadian investors](#) (Series)

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:**

Megan Foy (La Presse) for [Une vingtaine d'influenceurs contactés par l'AMF](#)

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:**

Preet Banerjee (Globe and Mail) for [Why the timing of financial advice matters](#)

The competition's Long and Short Submission first prize is \$4,000. Second prize is \$2,000. Third prize is \$1,000. **The prizes will be presented at the 2026 PMAC Awards presentation in Toronto on Tuesday, June 16.**

Details of the annual competition are available on the [PMAC website](#).

This year also marked an important evolution in the Awards program. What was previously a stand-alone Audio-Visual category is now fully integrated into the Short-Form and Long-Form Submission Categories, reflecting how modern journalism is produced and consumed. The updated structure ensures that outstanding storytelling, whether delivered through written reporting, video, audio, or multi-platform journalism, is evaluated together based on journalistic strength, insight, and impact.

### **About PMAC:**

[PMAC](#) represents over [320 asset management firms](#) that manage more than \$4 trillion in assets. Members are all fiduciaries managing investments in the best interests of their clients, which include private individuals, foundations, universities and pension plans. As one of the largest and fastest-growing investment industry associations in Canada, PMAC operates coast-to-coast in English and French-language markets. PMAC employs a collaborative information-sharing business model and advocates on behalf of its members on securities regulation and government policy matters. The association's mission is to advocate the highest standards of unbiased portfolio management in the interest of investors served by members. Visit us on [LinkedIn](#).

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