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Leah McGillivray Palko is a Partner in the Executive Search & Interim Management business unit at B. Riley Farber and leader of its Financial Services practice group. She is known for her deep insight into the Canadian & Global financial services sector.

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Profile overview

Leah manages the entire life cycle of each search, supported by a team of experienced and talented executive search professionals. She is known for delivering world class executive search solutions tailored to each client's unique requirements by working with clients in a collaborative manner. She is passionate and committed to delivering inclusive executive search experiences and diverse shortlists including women and those from underrepresented groups.

She is also known for her ability to open a broader talent pool of high impact individuals outside of those who are clearly qualified for an executive opportunity. She also has a deep understanding of the technical sub-sectors of the financial services industry allowing her to successfully deliver on searches for niche and technical roles.

Leah is a member of the IIC Partners Global Financial Services practice and works closely with her global colleagues across all the world's major financial centres.

She has significant experience partnering with numerous clients on mid-level to C-Suite searches across various functional roles in many financial services sectors with a focus on:

- Investment Management
- Wealth Management
- Capital Markets

Select client experience

- Managing Director, Institutional Distribution, Global Independent Asset Management firm
- Managing Director, Business Management & Operations, Private Capital, Global Independent Asset



Management firm

- CFO & COO, leading Canadian middle market Private Equity firm
- Portfolio Manager, Canadian Equities, Global Independent Asset Management firm
- CFO, publicly listed Independent Investment Dealer
- Managing Director, Investment Banking, Mergers & Acquisitions, Independent Investment Bank
- Managing Director, Head of Private Capital, Canadian Financial Advisory firm
- Canadian COO, Global investment bank
- Senior Portfolio Manager, Currencies & Global Macro, Global Pension Fund
- Senior Vice President, Head of Operations, publicly listed, leading provider of financing solutions

Of interest...

- Leah enjoys exploring the world in somewhat unconventional ways—like spending months in the mountains of Nicaragua, miles away from the nearest internet connection. Learn more about Leah in her [Faces of Farber profile](#)

Areas of expertise

- [Executive & Leadership Search](#)
- [Fractional Executives](#)
- [Interim Management](#)

Insights

Articles

- [Changing the Conversation on Pay Transparency](#)
- [Talent Transformation: The Value Driver in Private Equity](#)



Education & qualifications

- Bachelor of Arts (Honours), Psychology, University of Western Ontario (2006)