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Biographical Notes

Holding a Master's degree in economics from Université Laval, Clément Gignac has amassed a wealth of experience after 30 years in the public and private sectors, including as an MNA and minister in the Quebec government. As minister of economic development, he presented the government's strategy in research and innovation and participated in the creation of its strategy on entrepreneurship.

Before entering politics, Mr. Gignac served as special advisor to the deputy minister of finance in Ottawa in 2009. In this position, he had the opportunity to officially represent Canada on a G20 task force.

During the previous 20 years, Mr. Gignac acted as economic consultant and strategist for several prominent financial institutions, notably as Vice President and Chief Economist at National Bank Financial from 2000 to 2008. Since December 2012, Clément Gignac has held the position of Senior Vice-President and Chief Economist at iA Financial Group. As well as serving as spokesman on economic matters, he chairs the investment's asset allocation committee and manages diversified funds with assets exceeding \$3 billion.

Clément Gignac is an esteemed speaker and is often sought after by the media. In 2012, he was asked by the prestigious World Economic Forum to sit as chair on the Global Agenda Council on Competitiveness, and in May 2015, he was presented with the *Gloire de l'Escolle* medal from Université Laval.

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