

A big night for the YWCA

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Two women well known in Toronto business circles snagged awards at Tuesday evening's Women of Distinction event held by the YWCA of Toronto.

Rose Patten, senior vice-president and head of HR at Bank of Montreal was honoured for her work in promoting cutting-edge policies aimed at recruiting and retaining female executives. Also honoured was Mary Aitken, a former Bay Street type who went on to found Verity, a private women's club in Toronto.

The event, which this year raised more than \$1-million for the YWCA, has previously awarded investment manager Kiki Delaney and former broadcaster and Ontario cabinet minister Isabel Bassett.

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