



Atlantic Business Magazine Signs New Columnists: John Risley and Beste Alpargun

(February 28, 2006) Starting in March 2006, Clearwater Seafoods chairman and co-founder, John Risley and Acadian Securities' vice-president of Equity Research, Beste Alpargun, will be regular contributors to Atlantic Business Magazine.

Atlantic Business Magazine Editor Dawn Chafe says she had been aware for some time that the absence of a financial analyst was an obvious omission in the magazine's editorial lineup, but she was equally aware of the importance of finding the right person for the job. "We wanted someone who is as passionate about dissecting corporate financial statements as they are adept at relaying that information to a broad audience," Chafe says. "We believe we have found that person in Beste Alpargun. As the author of our new investment analysis column ('Money Talks'), she will entertain and inform our readers by debating the opportunities, threats and management strategies of Atlantic Canada's publicly traded companies."

John Risley, one of the region's most well-known and outspoken businessmen, will live up to his often-controversial reputation by using his column to ask Atlantic Canadians if they aren't, at times, their own worst enemies. "Although he's most well known for his fishing interests, Risley is also a passionate Atlantic Canadian who is baffled by the region's dependence on outside interests to cure our economic problems," Chafe notes. "His column, 'Devil's Advocate', will be a challenge to do something about it."

Risley and Alpargun make their inaugural appearance in the March issue of Atlantic Business Magazine. It hits the streets on March 8th.

John C. Risley, chairman of Clearwater Seafoods Limited, is a member of the World Presidents' Organization, the Chief Executives Organization and is a director on the Board of the Canadian Council of Chief Executives. He's also a graduate of the Harvard University Presidents' Program in Leadership and chair of the Canadian Youth Business Foundation. He was named an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1999.

Beste Alpargun is vice-president of Equity Research with Acadian Securities Inc. in Halifax, Nova Scotia. She received her MBA from the School of Business, Faculty of Management at Dalhousie University and her degree in Business Administration from the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences at Bogazici University in Istanbul, Turkey. She is also a CFA Charterholder and Atlantic Canada CFA Society

member and has passed Canadian Securities Course and Partners, Directors and Senior Officers exams.

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