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“The technology sector has challenges finding, developing, and deploying human capital particularly at the CEO/CMO/CFO and board levels. The work that Arlington leads in the Technology and Innovation sector will have a major impact on shaping this landscape for the better.”

Charles Plant, CPA, CA, MBA, is an Arlington Partners Advisory Board member. A Senior Fellow at The University of Toronto’s Impact Centre, Charles’ research and teaching focus on best practices in innovation and entrepreneurship in the technology sector.

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A serial entrepreneur, Charles has been an officer, director or investor in a dozen technology companies. He was Co-Founder and CEO for 15 years of Synamics, a telecommunications software firm that provided mass calling platforms to telcos. As CFO at MaRS, where he spent most of his time as Managing Director, Charles led a group of former entrepreneurs and specialists who developed thought leadership, provided education, mentorship, market intelligence and capital to over 2,000 technology startups in Ontario.

Active for much of his career in the world of finance, Charles has been a corporate banker, an investment banker, served on the Management Committee and as CFO of the Investment Accelerator Fund (IAF) at MaRS, and CFO of MaRS Innovation. As an educator, Charles spent seven years at York’s Schulich School of Business teaching in the MBA program.

Charles earned his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Toronto, his CPA/CA accreditation from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario and his MBA in Marketing from McMaster University.