

**Kirsten Sutton**

VP & Managing Director, SAP Labs Canada

Kirsten Sutton was appointed Managing Director of SAP Labs Canada on January 3 2012. Previously the Managing Director of SAP Labs Vancouver where she served as external and internal liaison for the Vancouver Lab and represented Vancouver across the global SAP Labs network, Kirsten's role will now expand to include management of all the SAP Labs facilities across Canada.

An integral part of SAP's global research and development network, the SAP Labs Canada organization spans the country from Vancouver, to Toronto, and Montreal. SAP Labs Vancouver was established in 1984 and is the birthplace of SAP's robust Business Intelligence platform. SAP Labs Montreal was established in 1998 and is a key development center for applications running on SAP HANA, and Mobility. SAP Labs Toronto was established in 2005 and has responsibility for development of Retail and Service industry solutions.

Prior to her appointment as Managing Director for SAP Labs Vancouver, Kirsten was Global Director of Technology Development Operations for SAP, as well as Chair of the Vancouver Leadership Team. Previous to this she was Global Director of Translation where she incorporated leading edge technologies and progressive processes in the centralization of translation services across the organization.

Further to her very full career with SAP, Kirsten is a Director on both the Board of the Minerva Foundation for BC Women as well as the BCTIA (British Columbia Technology Industry Association). Kirsten is also a playwright and a French chef; two skills that lend to her artistic and social flair and give new meaning to the notion of "dinner theatre".

Kirsten holds a Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Creative Writing from Western Washington University, and BA Honors in English from the University of California at Irvine. She is based out of the SAP Vancouver office in Yaletown.