

Kathryn Wortsman joined as Fund Manager for the MaRS Catalyst Fund in 2015, an early stage Canadian impact venture fund focused on social and environmental impact companies that have the ability to generate above market returns. The Fund closed in 2017 with \$5.0M in commitments. The Catalyst Fund has made 5 direct investments in clean energy technology companies, education software companies and medical device and software companies.

Kathryn started her career in investment banking at RBC Dominion Securities and then went on to spent most of her 20 year career investing and managing venture capital and private equity in small to medium sized businesses both in New York and Toronto. Kathryn spent time in Toronto at CIBC Capital Partners, BMO Capital Corporation and Lynx Equity, a Toronto based succession fund. In New York, Kathryn was a principal at the venture capital firm Constellation Ventures, and then a Director at MetLife Ventures, the strategic venture arm of MetLife Insurance. Prior to MaRS, Kathryn co-founded Crest Capital Corporation, a search fund in Toronto

Her passion in social finance was born 10 years ago when she joined Social Venture Partners NYC and then subsequently founded Social Venture Partners Toronto in 2007.