Jean-François Fortin was appointed Executive Director, Enforcement at the Québec Autorité des marches financiers (“AMF”) on June 18, 2012. Prior to this appointment, he had held the position of AMF Director, Inspection and Investigations since March 2009.

As Executive Director, Me Fortin heads a team of over 150 people tasked with detecting and investigating violations of the laws administered by the AMF and ensuring the application of penalties as well as with strengthening the framework governing markets, and in turn investor confidence, through surveillance and monitoring. He also co-ordinates collaboration with the AMF’s various partners in Québec, across Canada and around the world, including Canadian and foreign securities regulators, police forces, government agencies and ministries.

During the past several years, Me Fortin has been instrumental in furthering the AMF’s mission of protecting investors. He led the team that conducted an investigation into asset-backed commercial paper (ABCP) and was in charge of settlement negotiations. He also helped set up a specialized investigation support unit mandated with improving the effectiveness of crime detection, investigation and prosecution processes, while fostering communications for the transfer of knowledge among AMF staff.

At the national level, Me Fortin is an active member of the enforcement committee set up by the Canadian Securities Administrators and served as Chair of the committee from May 2012 to May 2014.

On the international scene, Me Fortin represents the AMF with the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) and has made major contributions to IOSCO initiatives, notably as Vice-Chair of two standing committees and through his work with its Board of Directors.

As Vice-Chair of IOSCO Committee 4, Me Fortin initiates, co-ordinates and plays a key role in strategic mandates focussing on securities law enforcement and information exchange among regulators around the world, including the AMF.
Moreover, as Vice-Chair of the IOSCO Screening Group, he contributes significantly to international co-operation in securities investigations by overseeing the administration of the Multilateral Memorandum of Understanding Concerning Consultation, Cooperation and the Exchange of Information.

Prior to joining the AMF, Me Fortin was a partner at the law firm of McCarthy Tétrault, where his practice included civil, commercial, professional and disciplinary litigation law. He has also acquired solid experience in making representations to the Québec Superior Court, the Québec Court of Appeal, administrative tribunals, disciplinary committees and arbitration boards.

Me Fortin earned a bachelor of laws degree from the University of Montréal and was called to the Québec Bar in 1996.