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Jim Byrd is both Global Head of Rates Trading and Head of Fixed Income, Currencies and Commodities (FICC) Canada at RBC Capital Markets.

Jim began his career with RBC in Toronto in 1996 as part of the Global Markets Program for post-secondary graduates and moved to RBC's London office in 1998 after the firm acquired Hambros Bank's Fixed Income business. While in London, Jim traded Government Bonds and managed the Dollar Bloc Sales and Trading team before returning to Toronto in 2003 as a Senior Government Trader. He was named Managing Director in 2006 and began managing the Canadian Rates Cash Trading business in 2009 before becoming Head of Canadian Rates Trading a year later. In 2012, Jim became Head of Fixed Income and Currencies Canada (which later become Fixed Income, Currencies and Commodities Canada), a position he still holds today. In 2013, he also became Head of North American Rates Trading. In November 2017, Jim was promoted to Global Head of Rates Trading, which encompasses RBC Capital Markets' global government and semi-government bond trading, as well as its interest rate sensitive derivative products.

Jim is an active board member of CanDeal, and represents RBC on the Bank of Canada's Canadian Fixed Income Forum (CFIF) and Canadian Alternative Reference Rate (CARR) working group. Jim is also executive sponsor for RBC Pride in support LGBT+ initiatives within Capital Markets and past Chair of the Investment Industry Association of Canada's (IIAC) Debt Committee.

Jim graduated from Memorial University of Newfoundland in 1995 with a Bachelor of Commerce (co-op) degree and is a CFA charterholder.

He lives in Toronto with his wife and two children.