



Russell Playford

SENIOR EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT CHIEF RISK OFFICER

Russell Playford, Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Risk Officer, joined the bank in 2009. Playford is responsible for all aspects of enterprise risk management. He is a member of the Executive Management Committee and reports to Bank of the West and BancWest Corporation Chairman and CEO Michael Shepherd.

Playford was Chief Risk Officer for Royal Bank of Scotland – North America from 2007 to 2008

For seven years prior to that position, he was the head of the Credit Risk Management Group at Wachovia Corporation. He worked at Bank of Montreal for 22 years in various capacities, including as Managing Director for Asset Portfolio Management, and Managing Director and Head of Financing (Diversified Accounts, Central and Eastern US). Early in his career, Playford served as a senior account manager for Bank of Montreal in Los Angeles and Houston.

He holds a B.A. in Economics and History from Waterloo Lutheran University, Waterloo, Canada, and a Bachelor of Commerce in Finance and Accounting from University of Windsor, Windsor, Canada.