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Seven female entrepreneurs who rise and shine

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Female entrepreneurs are on the rise. In 2018, 1,079,000 self-employed women accounted for 37 per cent of all self-employed people, and over 35 per cent of Canadian women rank 1st in their involvement in newer businesses.

As we celebrate International Women's Day on March 8, *Franchise Canada* takes a closer look at what it takes to be a femme de carrière. Read on to find out how seven franchise mavens forged a path to success.

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hen long-time friends considered a TWO MEN AND A TRUCK Canada franchise, they asked seasoned customer service representative Kari Campbell to come on board. "Being an integral part of a team, building something from scratch based in an area where I grew up, seemed very exciting," says Campbell. Today, she's the franchisee and general manager of the Oshawa, Ontario location, and has a satellite office in Peterborough.

For Campbell, a big benefit of franchising is gaining the knowledge needed to run a successful moving business by executing a proven, step-by-step model. There's no need to start from scratch or reinvent the wheel, and a proven model offers seasoned processes and systems. "With TWO MEN AND A TRUCK, we have access to company software and digital tools that we may not have been able to afford on our own."

At first, sceptics were wary of Campbell's ability to perform in a male-dominated industry, but she persevered. "Once you go and help them out and they realize you can more than hold your own, the challenges become fewer and fewer. In my current franchisee role, the knowledge and experience I have accumulated speaks volumes and really helps with any challenges, whether real or perceived."

Campbell suggests that women consider franchise systems that pique interest and capitalize on skill sets. "You have the ability to shop around and find the franchise organization that offers you the most opportunity, and maybe even more important, real support."

Her advice to prospective franchisees? "Make sure you are passionate about the franchise company you choose. Be ready to work hard, because it will become your business

path to success."  $\stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}$ 

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## www.FranchiseCanada.Online.

Here, you can find an all-new exclusive look at successful female entrepreneurs from around the country in a range of different sectors, including food service, the performing arts, education, and more.

And, if you're seeking further inspiration, you can also find previous profiles of successful female franchisees on

www.FranchiseCanada.Online by searching "Women in Franchising."

