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René Fournier is the president and chief investment officer of Walter Financial. In this role, he leads the investment team and is responsible for the company's investment strategies, including asset allocation. René is also a member of the Board of Walter Capital Partners and the lead director of its Investment Committee. Furthermore, he is a member of the board of directors of a number of private companies and of the ITHQ Foundation. Before joining Walter Financial, René was responsible for the Canadian equities team at a large Canadian pension fund. His responsibilities included leading the team of analysts as well as leading the research strategy. Previously, René worked at EDC as a director of structured project finance and as a project manager at J.D. Irving. He has an M.B.A. degree from McGill University. René also holds the CFA designation and a bachelor's degree in engineering from Moncton University.