

## **WomenCorporateDirectors (WCD)**

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### **VISION**

WomenCorporateDirectors (WCD) is the only global membership organization and community of women corporate directors. In this new era of responsibility, WCD is committed not just to good governance, but to governance with global vision. Smart boards are going global in members and mindset. Our members share information and insights in order to ensure best practices in corporate governance around the world.

With over 1,350 members who serve on over 1,500 boards in 40 chapters on five continents, WCD acts as a bold catalyst for thought leadership, networking, and new relationships. WCD is a true champion for women directors and a vital source of governance expertise. Not only has WCD developed a trusted community for advice and experience to help women directors share best practices and learn from this valuable network, but WCD has also helped secure board and advisory board positions for numerous women around the world.

WCD has connected women directors globally to form a network of powerful and influential decision makers. Our mission is to continue to enrich the WCD community through leadership, diversity of thought and experience, education, and best practices in corporate governance. WCD fosters our international network by providing an intimate and trusted community to learn, brainstorm and problem-solve global issues. Local, regional, national, and international WCD forums generate candid, thoughtful, and confidential dialogue on issues facing directors and their companies. Through the process of learning from each other, WCD helps members navigate the challenges of conducting business in a highly competitive and volatile global economy. The WCD network provides a platform of turning ideas into action.

In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, directors must not only develop a company's global strategy, but also be vigilant watchdogs who understand the hidden challenges of working around the globe. Corporate Governance today demands a world view. Boards need the right leaders, to adequately analyze risk, to have the in-depth knowledge of their companies' operations, and to help management see beyond the next quarter to the bigger picture, regardless of the market. WCD is a network that can leverage local, regional, and global knowledge and perspective from other Directors and boards worldwide.

### **WHO WE ARE**

WCD members comprise among the world's most powerful and influential business women—the global business elite.

WCD was founded by Susan Stautberg the CEO of PartnerCom Corporation, which creates and manages Advisory Boards globally, and later joined by Alison Winter, former President and CEO, Personal Financial Services – Northeast for Northern Trust, and Director of Nordstrom, who became a Co-Founder. Henrietta Holsman Fore, Chairman of the Board and CEO of Holsman International, former Administrator of USAID, Director of Theravance, Inc., and Co-Chair of the Asia Society, has joined as a Global Co-Chair.

Members serve as directors of global Stock Exchanges. WCD members are very senior, influential executives (Chairmen, CEO's, COO's and other C-level executives). WCD's standard is that 85% of women in WCD are directors of public or large private company boards. The other 15% have or will soon serve on public boards and currently serve on private, mutual funds or major non-profit boards. (Some Chapters, such as Boston and Chicago, are 100% corporate directors, but others, such as DC have members who have left corporate boards to serve in major government roles.)

**WCD's Founding Partners (Heidrick & Struggles and KPMG) and Strategic Partners (Aon, Houlihan Lokey, Northern Trust, Pearl Meyers & Partners)** provide expertise in relevant areas of corporate governance, succession, executive search, finance, accounting, risk management, and other issues.

### **WHERE WE ARE**

WCD has 40 global chapters, located in **Arizona, Atlanta, Australia, Beijing, Bogota, Boston, Charlotte, Chicago, Dallas/ Fort Worth, Delhi, Denmark, Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City, Hong Kong, Houston, Israel, Lima, London, Mexico City, Malaysia, Minnesota, Morocco, Mumbai, New York, Northern California, Northern/Central Europe (Berlin), Paris, Philadelphia, Sao Paulo, Seattle, Shanghai, Singapore, South Africa, Southern California, South Florida, Switzerland, Tennessee, Toronto, United Arab Emirates, and Washington DC.** Future Chapters in discussion include **Argentina, Cairo, Cleveland, Columbus, Denver, Iceland, Istanbul, Jakarta, Japan, Kenya, Milan, Netherlands, Nigeria and San Diego.**

### **PROGRAMS**

WCD dinners are held 3-4 times a year in each city. Members are allowed to bring other corporate directors as guests. As Directors travel constantly, each chapter usually has members from other cities attending as well. Our international Institutes attract directors from around the world.

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