



WOMEN'S FORUM OF NEW YORK TO HONOR 233 COMPANIES ACHIEVING 40% OR MORE FEMALE BOARD REPRESENTATION

2023 Breakfast of Corporate Champions to Feature All-Female Panel with CEOs from CVS, Progressive, Amalgamated Bank, and Otis

NEWS RELEASE

New York, NY – September 26, 2023 – The **Women's Forum of New York** will host its seventh biennial **Breakfast of Corporate Champions (BCC)** on Nov. 8, 2023, at Cipriani 42nd Street in New York City. This event will honor 233 companies in the S&P 500 and Fortune 1000 as "Corporate Champions" that have achieved 40 percent, or more, of female representation on their boards.

Women's Forum & Breakfast of Corporate Champions

Launched in 2011, the BCC is the signature event of the Women's Forum of New York's "Corporate Board Initiative," focused on accelerating the advancement of women on boards across all industries and on striving to achieve gender balance on corporate boards by 2025. To achieve this goal, the Women's Forum is driving change from the top by convening and honoring CEOs and board leadership and acknowledging their pivotal role in prioritizing gender parity as a business imperative.

"We are enormously proud of the work we have done to accelerate and celebrate female board representation since launching the Breakfast of Corporate Champions over a decade ago," said BCC Chair and Founder, Janice Reals Ellig, CEO, Ellig Group. "We know more needs to be done and will continue our strong focus as we look forward to growing the number of S&P 500 and Fortune 1000 companies achieving gender balance."

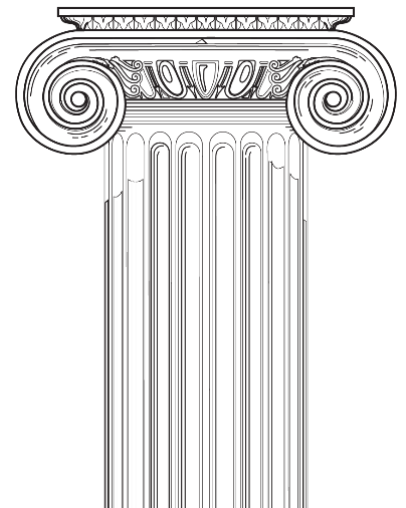
Breakfast of Corporate Champions 2023 Snapshot

This year the Women's Forum is thrilled to announce the 2023 BCC Honorary Co-Chairs, Brian Moynihan, Chair of the Board and CEO, Bank of America, and Maggie Wilderotter, Chairman and CEO, Wilderotter Vineyard—leaders who have championed gender advancement over their long careers. Adding to this impressive roster is Women's Forum President, Pamela J. Craig, Board Member, Corning, Merck, and Progressive, and the Founder and Chair of the event, Janice Reals Ellig, CEO, Ellig Group.

The event will recognize and celebrate 233 companies for their commitment to gender advancement, giving special acknowledgement to the 78 Corporate Champions with 50% or greater female board representation. Other highlights for the event include:

- **Building the Boardroom Gender Pipeline: A rich discussion on what it takes to steer positive progress, obstacles, and challenges.**
 - Opening comments and insights: Sandra Quince, CEO, Paradigm for Parity
 - Session moderated by: Pamela J. Craig, President, Women's Forum of New York
 - Perspective from our Honorary Co-Chairs:
 - Brian Moynihan, Chair of the Board and CEO, Bank of America
 - Maggie Wilderotter, Chairman and CEO, Wilderotter Vineyard

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- **CEO Panel: The Women at the Top. Perspective on gender in the boardroom from the BCC's first all-female CEO panel.**
 - Session moderated by: Sara Eisen, Co-Anchor of CNBC's *Squawk on the Street*
 - Esteemed Panelists:
 - Priscilla Sims Brown, President and CEO, Amalgamated Bank
 - Tricia Griffith, President and CEO, The Progressive Corporation
 - Karen S. Lynch, President and CEO, CVS Health
 - Judy Marks, Chair, President, and CEO, Otis Worldwide Corporation

- **Muriel F. Siebert Award: Presented to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and commitment to diversity across corporate boards.**
 - This year's award will be presented by last year's recipient, Ken Frazier, Retired Chairman & CEO, Merck & Co.
 - Recipient to be announced prior to the event.

Come join us!

The BCC audience is comprised of CEOs, Board Directors, and thought leaders, all with the shared belief that achieving gender parity in the boardroom improves corporate governance and is a business imperative that delivers a positive outcome for companies, employees, customers, investors, and the communities in which they operate.

During the event, CEO attendees will be provided the opportunity to submit nominations to sponsor candidates for the [Women's Forum CEO Sponsored Board-Ready Database](#). The national database is accessible free of charge to boards seeking qualified women candidates. It is offered in partnership with Equilar, as part of the company's [Equilar Diversity Network](#).

The **Breakfast of Corporate Champions** will be presented on **Nov. 8, 2023**, at Cipriani 42nd Street in New York City, from 8 – 9:30am. A coffee bar and networking opportunity will precede the program from 7:30 – 8:00am. To register for the event or to access the CEO Sponsor Database, visit womensforumny.org.

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About Women's Forum of New York

The Women's Forum of New York is a network of women leaders representing the highest levels of professional achievement across all sectors of business, industry, and spheres of influence throughout New York City. The by-invitation membership of more than 500 women is dedicated to the advancement of women's leadership through programs which personally and professionally enrich members' lives, including The Education Fund, which enables talented women whose potential has been disrupted by adversity to resume their education, and the Corporate Board Initiative, which extends and expands the contribution of women leaders through corporate board participation. Founded in 1974, the Women's Forum of New York is the founding flagship of the International Women's Forum, a global organization of over 8000 outstanding women leaders and, currently, 76 Forums around the world.

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