

WOMEN'S FORUM ANNOUNCES THE 2019 OUTSTANDING "RISING TALENTS"

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PARIS - November 13, 2019- **The Women's Forum for the Economy & Society**, in partnership with **Eurazeo, Lazard and Spencer Stuart** is pleased to announce the 2019 nominations of outstanding young female leaders of the **Rising Talents Initiative**.

The thirteen women nominated represent ten countries and a diversity of sectors, including business, innovation, technology, AI, healthcare and law.

They will represent the vision of rising generations at the Women's Forum Global Meeting and will participate in global dialogues on the theme *"Taking the lead for inclusion: Accelerating for impact"*. Their stories – such as accelerating education instruction and policy reform in Africa, developing a leading AI solutions firm in Germany, and improving gender diversity in computer science and the digital world in France – can inspire women and men around the world to make a difference.

Chiara Corazza, Managing Director of the Women's Forum, says *"I'm very proud that the Rising Talents Initiative is entering its 12th year with more than 10 years of rich experiences serving the community. Together with our partners, we have created a new vision for the 2019 Rising Talent initiative. It was challenging, but also a source of great pride to select from 200 candidates thirteen extraordinary women, who come from around the world and who have worked tirelessly to give back and empower the community"*.

Virginie Morgon, CEO of Eurazeo, confirms *"As a founding partner of the program, Eurazeo welcomes this new promotion of talented women contributing to enriching our community. As a responsible shareholder, Eurazeo has always considered gender balance within management teams as a key enabler for the success of companies. We are glad to help in creating a mixed generation of future leaders"*.

Isabelle Xoual, Managing Director at Lazard, says, *"Lazard is proud to again sponsor the Rising Talents program of the Women's Forum and support its commitment to improving gender balance, diversity and inclusion. It has been a pleasure and a great honor to meet the 2019 Rising Talents class of such talented, inspiring young women. We expect the next generation of women leaders will drive tremendous change in their respective fields and communities."*

Angeles Garcia-Poveda, Spencer Stuart partner and board member, says *"The 2019 Rising Talents are highly impressive individuals who prove that purpose and achievements can and should walk hand in hand. They demonstrate the dynamic leadership abilities that women around the world bring to so many different walks of life. It is a joy and an honour to support them in achieving even more visibility and impact through this partnership."*

The 2019 Rising Talents will also become members of the Rising Talents network, which comprises more than 250 women around the world and is an integral part of the global Women's Forum community. The Women's Forum for the Economy & Society would like to express its warmest congratulations to the Rising Talents and we look forward to welcoming them to Carrousel du Louvre, Paris at the 15th edition of the **Women's Forum Global Meeting, 20-22 November 2019**.

The outstanding 2019 Rising Talents are:

- 1- Nicole Buttner – CEO, MerantixLABS – Germany
- 2- Gloria Canales – General Manager Softlines Business, Amazon – Mexico

- 3- Cathryn Chen – Founder & CEO, MarketX Ventures - USA
- 4- Martina Cusano – CEO & Co-founder, Mukako – Italy
- 5- Nondumiso Hlope - Founding Curator & Director, Global Shapers Community – Swaziland
- 6- Nicole Karam – Associate Professor, European Hospital Georges Pompidou – Lebanon & France
- 7- Upasana Makati – Founder, White Print – India
- 8- Jennifer Mbaluto – Partner, Clifford Chance LLP – Kenya & UK
- 9- Amanda Nguyen – Founder & CEO, Rise Inc. – USA
- 10- Mirabelle Ordinaire – Metropolitan Opera, Stage Director – France / USA
- 11- Dorothée Roch – Founder & Director, Becomtech – France
- 12- Evelina Vagesjo – CEO & Co-founder, Ilya Pharma – Sweden
- 13- Morgane Weill – Executive Director Strategy and Transformation, Carrefour Group – France

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