

Quotes from European Business Schools and Alumnae:

London Business School:

"At London Business School, we're wholeheartedly committed to enabling equality at board level within companies and organizations. Hence we're thrilled to support the much-needed Board Ready Women initiative, which will help women who are aspiring to be on, or who already serve on a board, connect with companies, recruiters and peers. I encourage all London Business School women to join the list and follow the debate", said Wendy Alexander, Associate Dean, Degree Programs and Career Services, London Business School.

"As alumnae, our links to LBS are often grounded in personal relationships with classmates and professors, and fundraising initiatives. Therefore it is a pleasure to see the School engaging in something new, the Global Board Ready Women database, a global initiative to enhance career prospects for all women graduates. The Global Board Ready Women database is an excellent tool for alumna already active in, or aspiring to roles in corporate governance. The list is a global network to increase gender diversity in corporate governance worldwide", said Bridget Cosgrave, MBA1988, London Business School.

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Director of Sabancı University Corporate Governance Forum, Melsa Ararat commented, "The overlap between our recently initiated Independent Women Directors Project in Turkey and the European Business Schools' Women on Board Initiative was more than a coincidence. Women all around the world step forward with confidence to participate in the decision-making processes at all spheres. Women in Turkey are no exception. Sabancı School of Management is committed to be instrumental in improving the governance of publicly listed corporations through board diversity and independence." Independent Women Directors Project, which is a part of European Business Schools' Women on Board Initiative, will be launched on the 13th of December in Istanbul.

"Fast-changing global economy of our times increases the demand for skills, encouraging firms to have an independent proficiency for future strategies. Firms know that a diversity of opinions can enrich decision-making and stimulate ingenuity. Hence, both for the world and Turkey, gender equality is a must and its urgency increases further more it is supported by the governments. As a Sabancı University Alumna, I'm delighted to engage in the Global Board Ready Women database. I believe that this platform fosters a compelling business case for gender equality to be articulated, both on the level of firms and on the larger scale of economy.", said Ozge Bulut Marasli, EMBA 2001, Sabancı University .