



2022 AWARDEE BIOGRAPHIES

(Listed by Country/Nominating Organization/Individual)

Bangladesh / Chittagong Women's Chamber of Commerce & Industry



Ferdousi Begum, Managing Director, Midway Agro Limited

Midway Agro was established in 2003 as the first Thai-Bangladesh joint venture. It started as a shrimp culture farm and expanded into integrated, sustainable farming involving fish, poultry, dairy and organic farming. Ferdousi has overcome natural disasters, economic hardships and political instabilities to keep her business healthy and running well. The company has received numerous awards from the government for their sustainable practices and its commitment to biodiversity. She has also overcome being one of the few women in the industry. Ferdousi hopes to create agri-tourism to expand the "farm to table" concept. cameliaahmed@gmail.com

Midway does business primarily in Bangladesh but a few of their products are sold worldwide. They hope to continue selling their products in the US, Canada, UK & Australia.



Nishat Imran, Managing Director, Simni Ship Recycling Industries

Nishat established her company in 2016 after dreaming of starting a ship recycling business. Bangladesh, India and Pakistan recycle the most ships in the world and she saw the potential to start her own company in the industry. Soon she will be one of the first companies to be a "fully green yard" designed by a German consultancy firm and approved by the government. Raised by a single mother, Nishat learned at an early age how important it is to be a strong woman and to be involved in your community. simnibd@yahoo.com

The company does business today with the US, UK, Singapore, Hong Kong and UAE. Nishat hopes to expand also into the European market.



Raisa Mahbub, Managing Director, Aqua Foods Limited

Raisa is the Managing director of Aqua Foods Limited and is the founder of 2 Spoons Restaurant and Café. She also owns Brides and Maiden boutique. Aqua Foods has two major cold storage facilities for exporting fish and to lease out to other suppliers as well. In a very male-dominated sector, she begun selling processed fish to local & international market and now her company has grown to employing over 300 people. Raisa plans to establish soft shell crab farms in the coastal areas of Bangladesh to further her product line. Raisa.mahbub@gmail.com

The company exports to Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, Japan, Saudi-Arabia and Oman. Raisa intends to expand into Europe and is looking to set up in England or Brussels.

Bangladesh, UAE & Peru / Lima Chamber of Commerce



Britt Ludvigsen Sakata, Founder & CEO, Texprego BD

For almost twenty years, Britt has worked to be a catalyst for change in the Bangladeshi garments industry. Her close relationship with manufacturers has been an engine for knowledge transfer between Bangladesh and Peru, contributing to the development of the country's garments industry. In 2009 she founded Texprego, manufacturing and distributing products to four global brands employing more than 12,000 people through its supply chain, 66% of them are women. Britt received a Bachelor of Fine Art from Rotterdamse Modeakademie Marja Van Riel, the Netherlands; she studied Industrial Engineering at Universidad de Lima, Peru and graduated from Harvard Business School. Britt@texprego.com

Britt primarily exports to Spain, Brazil, the USA and has subsidiaries in Japan, Hong Kong, Mexico and Argentina. They would like to enter Africa, China, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and Sweden.

Bolivia / CAINCO



Denise Hurtado Castedo, CEO, BPO Center, www.bpocenter.com.bo

Denise has more than 22 years of experience in human talent management. Her 41-year-old company focuses on outsourcing and all facets of human resource management such as and Head Hunting, Business Process Outsourcing, Organizational Climate Management and Culture Alignment, Leader Assessment and Development, Executive and Team Coaching, Outplacement Management, Compensation and Smart Remuneration. Denise has influence the processes of change and transition towards good Human Management practices in several companies throughout Bolivia. She is the leader of the main work environment tool, LEADING EMPLOYER, which measures nearly 60 work environments in companies per year, and promoter of the resource community, human rights and best practices. dhurtado@bpocenter.com.bo

Denise has business relationships in Argentina, Spain, Costa Ricca, Peru and the United States. She would like to expand in the US, Spain, Chile and Italy.



Rosario Paz Gutierrez, CEO, Farmacorp S.A./Nexocorp,
www.farmacorp.com

Right after graduating from university in 1994, Rosario joined the family business in the pharmaceutical industry and started working as CEO of Farmacias Santa Maria. Rosario is part of the third generation of the family of Dr. Osvaldo Gutiérrez Jiménez, who founded the Gutiérrez Pharmacy in 1937, in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia. In 1995 Rosario started the expansion plan to increase the market share of the pharmacy in Santa Cruz. Rosario led the growth of the company to become Bolivia's biggest Pharmacy Chain representing 63% of the national Market Share with 178 stores distributed throughout the country today.
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The company's business units are in Bolivia. However, they have suppliers from all over the world. Rosario looks forward to further growth throughout the South American marketplace.

Dubai / UNIDO



Farida Abdalla Kamber Al Awadhi, Managing Director, Cinmar Design, Leading Edge, Asrar Public, APID, GBF,
www.cinmardesign.com

Farida was one of the first women to start working in the interior design field in the UAE. For 33 years she has grown the business and is the president of the Association of Professional Interior Designers based in Dubai. She started by designing a children's shop on one of Dubai's main streets. Now her firm designs offices, banks, restaurants and hotels. Farida not only provides stunning and unique interior design schemes but she also offers opportunities for upcoming designers by offering her expertise and skills to support students and young talent.
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The company currently does business in the UAE but Farida wishes to expand beyond the Gulf area.

Egypt / UNIDO



Rim Siam, CEO, Webb International Middle East Ltd, www.webb-middleeast.com

Rim launched Webb in 2015 as a trading company which offers the first online platform that connects female entrepreneurs into an economic force for change. The focus is on increasing the number of women digitally, giving them access to market their products, franchising, networking and partnerships. She has built the company into one of United Nations Global Compact entities and WEPs Signatory. She has won numerous awards and for the last two years she has been named one of the top 16 UNIDO Women Economic empowerment success stories from the Middle East. info@webb-middleeast.com

The company currently does business in Egypt, Bahrain & the UAE. Rim wishes to expand globally which is achievable since her company is functioning as an online platform and she invites all women entrepreneurs to become engaged.

England / WeConnect International



Melanie Chevalier, Founder & CEO, Creative Culture, www.creativecultureint.com

Having a multicultural upbringing in countries like Taiwan, Brazil, Cameroon, France and Spain, it was only natural that she would build her career on challenging the status quo of internationalization and traditional models to offer a much more effective and qualitative approach by building global success on cultural intelligence and insights. Founding the company in 2008, she is a proud award winner of the 2021 Female Frontier's Championing Change category, which celebrates women constantly pushing the boundaries of equality, gender balance, Mélanie is very active in promoting DEI and has developed innovative initiatives to allow brands to successfully navigate complex inclusion pieces in diverse multicultural environments. m.chevalier@creativecultureint.com

Creative Culture works in 120 countries and would like to continue to grow and create new partnerships around the world.

India / Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce – Federation Ladies Organization New Delhi



Sonal Gandhi, Director, Verga Attachments P Ltd & Veerya Attachments P Ltd, www.verga.biz

Sonal's companies were founded in 2006 and focuses on the design and manufacturing of custom attachments for construction, agriculture & forestry prime movers. In 2008, they decided to become the world's largest attachment manufacturer and grow the business globally. Today they have doubled their capacity to export 75 containers a month to parts of the world. Their employee base went from 20 to 650 and they are now also focusing on agriculture which will add to their product mix. Sonal is proud of their growth, their ISO9001 and ISO14001 certifications as well as their commitment to their employees. sgandhi@verga.biz

The company is doing business in many countries in: North America, Europe, Australia & New Zealand and India. Now, with their focus on agriculture, they wish to continue the growth in these areas with their new products.



Geeta Goradia, Managing Director, Jewel Consumer Care PVT LTD, www.jewelbrushes.com

Hailing from the illustrious family of Mahatma Gandhi, Ms Goradia was brought up with the ideals of simplicity, discipline and freedom. Over her career, Ms Goradia has gone from giving tuitions, to working as a Management Trainee in a Steel plant, an acting stint (on TV), working in a bank, being a lecturer in Business Economics at M S University. She established a small-scale toothbrush manufacturing unit in 1993 whose consistency in high quality products. Today they produce a range of oral care and household hygiene products. As one of Asia's largest manufacturers, she has gained recognition in the Oral Care industry. geeta@jewelbrushes.com

The company does business in over 20 countries and wishes to expand to African nations and South America.



Rashmi Sahoo, Founder & Director of Bisweswar Foods Private Limited (BFPL), www.bisweswarfoods.com

Rashmi's background is international and Indian Cuisines, having been trained in food processing & packaging from Switzerland and Italy. She is the Founder and Director of Bisweswar Foods Private Limited (BFPL) and also is the director of her family business M/s Om Oil & Flour Mills. She began BFPL in 2014 to become an Indian food processing company engaged in manufacturing a wide range of agro-based nutritious products. The product ranges from flours, breakfast cereals and gluten

free flours to newer lines like cookies. The company enhances the nutritional value of frozen, ready to eat foods. Rashmi has won numerous awards throughout India. rashmi@ruchifoodline.in

The company's primary market is India but Rashmi wishes to expand globally and is in discussions with the UAE. She would also like to expand to the UK and Canada.

Indonesia / Poonam Sagar



Dewi Leona Kauw, Founder & CEO, PT Saridewi Natural Kosmetik-Skin Dewi www.skindewi.com

Dewi Leona Kauw is the youngest born in her family with two other siblings. She was born in Jakarta, but had the opportunities to go through her younger education in Singapore, and higher education in the U.S. Graduated as a chemical engineer from University of Washington - Seattle, Dewi founded Skin Dewi - a leading premium Indonesian organic and skin care brand. Dewi's life mission is to empower more souls to grow while concurrently contributing and impacting to the people around them. Dewi.kauw@gmail.com

The company would like to expand into south east Asia with their products-Malaysia, Vietnam, Thailand.

Italy / Anna Maria Gandolfi



Loretta Forelli, Director, Effepi SRL (Holding) www.forellipietro.it

After Loretta's studies she wanted to dedicate herself to journalism. However, after a tragic accident where she lost 5 family members, she joined the management of the family business. Over the years, the business grew into Forelli Pietro and a group of three other companies producing brass and bronze ingots, bars, profiles and precision mechanical machining. Loretta runs the business with her sons and pays particular attention to ethical, social and environmental issues. She is not only involved in business organizations, she also was president of Brescia Red Cross for 9 years and continues to be involved in the community. info@forellipietro.it

The company does business with EU countries and would like to grow in the Asian region.

Italy / Turino Chamber of Commerce



Serena Tosa, CEO, Tosa Spa, www.tosagroup.com

The company, which focuses on stabilization and safety of loads, was started in 1979 by Serena's father. He bought two other companies focusing on packaging systems and strapping machines (among the first companies to invent and patent the strapping head) and built them all where they now are highly skilled on producing end-of-line solutions. Upon his early departure in 2006, Serena became the CEO and continued to grow the TOSA Group and their three companies along with her brother. Serena takes pride in not only growing the company but in the bond they make with their employees. Serena.tosa@tosa.it

The company produces in Italy, France and Spain. Their machines reach 115 countries and they are beginning to approach the Asian market. They are also considering opening a new subsidiary in the United States and Germany.



Rosanna Ventrella, CEO, Sys-Tek Societa Benefit S.R.L., www.sys-tek.it

In 1996, Rosanna started her own ITC company, SYS-TEK, which focuses on customized software and management programs. She also obtained authorization to practice as a Chartered Accountant in 2007. Through professional experiences in South and North of Italy, she has been able to improve her skills in web marketing, business development and ITC consultant. The company is in the process of becoming a B Corporation. In her spare time she likes to design and manufacture mannequins with recycled materials. The company is also a sponsor of the Dragonette Torino Onlus (dragon boat racing) and a young curling team, the 3S Sys-Tek. Rosanna.ventrella@sys-tek.it

The company does business in Italy and Spain currently and is open to growing anywhere where their services can be utilized.

Japan / Mongolian National Chamber of Commerce



Chie Imai, CEO, Reina Ltd., <http://chieimai.com/ja/>
<http://reinaltd.com>

After quitting work to stay home and raise a family, Chie started an import/export company. She focused on unique and natural products. She began importing luxurious items, especially fur and leather. She formed her own line of items under the brand name “MOSAIQUE de CHIE.” Her work and lines are highly regarded in fashion circles around the world. She has a flagship store in Tokyo and one on Madison Avenue in New York City. She was recognized as one of the Leading Women Entrepreneurs of the World in Paris in 2002. Today she continues her unique style and brand. chie@chieimai.com

Chie wishes to continue to grow her brand worldwide.



Tomomi Sugahara, CEO Natuck Co & Emerald Club, www.ej-club.jp

Tomomi worked for a few corporations prior to founding her own company in 2007, NATULUCK. The company focuses on offering meeting spaces for working professionals. About 3 years later in 2010, she began her next venture, Emerald Club, an organization which supports and connects female entrepreneurs. It has over 1700 registered members with 8 branches in Japan. Last year, she started her latest venture, Eve Channel, an online networking system specifically geared towards sharing information and connecting female entrepreneurs around the world. Tomomi is a serial entrepreneur! sugarara@ej-club.jp

Tomomi works in South Korea, Mongolia and Vietnam. She wishes to expand to Singapore and the Americas



Rumi Yamamura, Director, General Incorporated Association/Let Me Think www.letme-think.com/

Let Me Think is a trading company dealing with many different product lines. Rumi was the only female lawyer in her city as she began her career. After years of practicing, in 2015, she decided to open her own company, creating great and equal opportunities for women to work outside of the home. The company exports Japanese foods, antiques and many

other product lines to other Asian countries. It continues to expand in Asia. Their new markets now to Serbia and Montenegro and hope to continue growth throughout Europe. regina@letme-think.com

The company is doing business throughout Asia and they are expanding to other countries in Asia as well as to Serbia and Montenegro.

Malaysia / Malaysia World Chamber of Commerce for Women



Datin Malliga Subramaniam, Sr. Managing Partner, Oxydata Software Sdn Bhd, www.oxydata.my

Datin Malliga is the Senior Managing Director of GLEN Group of Companies which has vested investment in various industries. It primarily focuses on providing business intelligence, artificial intelligence, machine learning and managed services based on Microsoft platforms. Pre-pandemic, the company expanded their services to India and opened an office in Hyderabad, their first step in global expansion. Datin is also one of the founding members of Malaysia World Chamber of Commerce (MWCC) championing women agendas and currently serving as the President. She also founded the World Women Forum (WWF) to expand women's opportunities. malliga@oxydata.my

The company does business in Malaysia, India & Pakistan with the goal of growing in the UAE and Europe.

Mongolia / Mongolian National Chamber of Commerce



Aiyvkhan Ainagul, General Director & Owner, Pakkale LLC

In 2005, Aiyvkhan founded Pamukale Restaurant Mongolia. She had started the first mobile food deliver service back in 1999 and grew the company until it was strong enough to open a restaurant. It is one of the best restaurants in the province. And over the years, the company expanded to offer trade services, coffee shops and a tourist resort, Pamuk. Being very close to China and Russia, there is a strong population of 93% Kazakhs. Aiyvkhan wishes to open a modern Ger restaurant featuring the culture of the nation and will finish the construction on the Pamuk Resort. Aainaagul01@gmail.com

The company does business with Turkey and Kazakhstan and wishes to further develop business with these countries as well as others.



Boldmaa Palam, CEO, Ikh Bazriin Chuluu LLC,
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Boldmaa started her career as a teacher but started making clothing on a single sewing machine after her father died, to help support her family. She also brought 4 of her 9 siblings into the business and incorporated in 2002. She now has 45 employees and her clothing company focuses on work and safety clothes, herders' special wear and custom-made embroidered clothes. The company has two operational sites supporting local workers. And Boldmaa plans to open a plant using recycled materials as well as continue to grow the company in clusters in rural areas.
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The company does business with China and Japan and Boldmaa wishes to expand in other Asian countries and find innovative companies that make recycled materials from old garments.



Dendev Udval, President, Naran Trade LLC, www.narangroup.mn

In 1990 Dendev established Naran Trade with her husband right after Mongolia entered the Free Market Economy. The company had humble beginnings with a staff of 10 in a small retail store called The Naran Shop. Within just a couple of years Naran shop was already a household name and a brand on its own. Not only it was the first ever shop accepting payment in hard currencies, but also the first retail store selling foreign or "capitalist" brand products to the Mongolian consumers. Today the Naran Group has 12 subsidiary companies in retail, wholesale & distribution, restaurant franchises, real estate, media and communications.
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The company does business with several countries in Asia and Europe as well as with the US & Australia. Dendev would like to continue to work in Mongolia and to strengthen their markets in neighboring countries as well.

Nigeria / Renee Keeble



Funmi Ogbue, Managing Director, Zigma Limited www.zigmald.com

Funmi Ogbue is the Managing Director of Zigma Limited, a company she founded in 2002. Funmi was honored with the award of Women in Energy at the Nigeria International Energy Summit 2022 and recognized as the trailblazer in Energy Excellence Award Honoree 2022 by the Women in Maritime and Energy Advisory Council. Funmi was honoured to be listed by NIPRO as one of the Global Top 40 under 40 female professionals in 2008. Funmi holds an M.Sc in Organizational Change (2014)& Development from the University of Manchester, and a B.Sc in Sociology from the University of Lagos (1992).

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Funmi would like to expand to Ghana, Kenya, South Africa, Mali, Egypt, Ethiopia and other African Nations.



Nigeria/WIMBIZ

Princess Funlayo Bakare-Okeowo, CEO, FAE Limited,
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Princess 'Layo Oloruntoyin K. Bakare-Okeowo is the M/D and CEO of FAE Ltd, Nigeria's largest envelope manufacturing company. Her mother started the company in 1976 and 'Layo has spent 40 years working in the company. 'Layo planned and implemented new envelope machine technology upgrades and strategic acquisitions to help expand the company's production. The company is also currently manufacturing tamper proof/tear resistant security envelopes & radio frequency identification blocking envelopes to make it the leading envelope manufacturer in the country. Princess 'Layo also intends to pioneer a functional paper mill. She is also involved with many Nigerian professional organizations including WIMBIZ. md@fae.com.ng

The company currently does business in Germany, England, China, Chana, USA and Benin. 'Layo would like to approach all of the African nations.

Nigeria/Ibukun Awosika



Tara Fela-Durotoye, CEO, House of Tara International,
www.houseoftara.com

Tara Fela-Durotoye is a Beauty Entrepreneur who pioneered the professional make up industry in Nigeria in the late 90's. She is the founder and current C.E.O of House of Tara International which she established in 1998. She is considered a major force in the Nigerian female entrepreneurship community having created an impact business that has empowered tens of thousands of beauty entrepreneurs through the "Tara Beauty Entrepreneur" initiative. The company established the country's first makeup studio and makeup school in 2004. It has 26 branches, 14 makeup schools and 3 franchises nationwide today. "Pay It Forward" is a motto which they live by. taradurotoye@gmail.com

House of Tara is currently doing business in Ghana, Cote de Voir, Canada, United States & the UK. Tara wishes to expand to several other African countries.



Kofo Akinkugbe, Founder & CEO, SecureID Group, www.secureidltd.com

Kofo is the founder/CEO of SecureID Limited, a smartcard manufacturing and personalization company with global certifications. She established the business in 2005 and has an annual revenue of \$38 million with 439 employees. SecureID is the first internationally certified world class manufacturer in Nigeria and sub-Saharan Africa. Kofo left the banking industry in 1998, founding Interface Technologies, then SecureID and later Transport Payment Solutions Limited and SID Digital Limited. Transport has an e-gate and turnstile infrastructure which is installed on various transport platforms such as rail, road & water. Kofo also sits on the board of local and multinational corporate, philanthropic and humanitarian organizations.

Peru / Lima Chamber of Commerce



Rocio Lockett, CEO, Metax Industria & Comercio SAC, www.metaxsac.com

Rocio studied in London and received her masters in architecture. After several years working in the architectural field, she decided to join her family business and learned the business from the ground up. She has managed the 40-year old business which manufactures Biomedical Equipment, Hospital and Institutional Furniture. They offer personalized products, with modern and safe design, based on the needs of their users. This allows them to guarantee well-being and comfort for all users. Metax Industria are experts in equipping health establishments under the turnkey modality. They are now upgrading to new automated and robotic machinery, IoT and digital transformation which will make them a “smart factory.” rlockett@metaxsac.com

The company does business in Peru and they want to expand to other neighboring South American countries such as Ecuador and Bolivia where the need for their products is great.

Portugal / Banco BPI



Isabel Azevedo, Chairwoman of the Board, Frigocon S.A.,
www.fricon.pt

Fricon which was established by Isabel's father in 1976. She started working in the company at the age of 16 and the rest is history. She gained experience in all facets of the business and now is the Chairwoman of the Board. The company's refrigeration products have expanded over the 46 years they have been in business to include domestic refrigerators, beverage and ice cream freezers as well as retail food refrigeration. Supermarkets account for more than 85% of their business. Now the company is making improvements in their factories and are moving to complete the computerization of the lines.

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The company is doing business in 115 countries spread across 5 continents. For 2022 and beyond, Isabel plans on entering & strengthening their products in Australia, New Zealand, India, US, France, Mexico, Nigeria, Indonesia & North Africa.

Serbia / Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia



Dragana Calija, CEO & Owner, Saint Di & Co doo /
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Dragana Čalija is the owner and CEO of Saint Di & Co doo, and OrderEngine Ltd. She is a woman IT entrepreneur and her companies are in the information technology sector. She started her business after working in the corporate world for a few years. OrderEngine is a software solution for distributors and wholesalers that offers a more efficient ordering process. Dragana is proud winner of Success Flower Award for Best Woman Exporter Entrepreneur in 2020 issued by Association of Business Woman in Serbia and the "Kosta Miroslavljević" Award for the best female entrepreneur in 2021 issued by Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Vojvodina, Serbia. Dragana.calija@saintdi.com

Dragana wishes to expand the company to the UK and the food industry there and after that, New York City for its tourism and hospitality.



Olgica Samoilovic, CEO & Founder, Hedera Vita Ltd Loznica,
www.hederavita.rs

Olgica honed her skills early on in her business before she created Hedera Vita in 2011. It was her dream to create handmade soaps which they are still known for today. From there, the company grew to creating other natural cosmetic products using all natural ingredients. They choose natural raw materials from organic farming and each ingredient has its reason for being part of the product. All products are anti-allergen, do not cause any problems nor contain any aggressive active substances, so they are suitable even for people with sensitive skin. Olgica focuses on health, happiness and the beauty of their consumers.

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The company works in Serbia and exports to the US, Canada, Germany, Switzerland, Macedonia, Slovenia, Croatia, Dubai and more countries. Olgica wants to strengthen and grow the brand anywhere in the world.

South Africa / Anni Wilhelmi



Elvira Paola Riccardi, CEO, Persaf Holdings, www.afrizan.co.za,
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Elvira founded Afrizan Personnel in 2001 and is the Group CEO of Persaf Holdings (PTY) Ltd. The Group has grown from humble beginnings with a staff compliment of just 4 to over 900 people and comprises of Afrizan People Intelligence, the Afrizan Academy, Ryzan and Omnetrix. She is fluent in three languages and her personal passions include family, education, unemployed youth, property development, and most recently Show Jumping Horses. Elvira's strengths and skills lie in her ability to build agile businesses, be highly innovative and drive performance. She believes wholeheartedly in Quality being the primary ingredient for Success.

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The company is working in South Africa, other African nations, India and Dubai. Elvira and is looking to develop their services in the Middle East, in particular.



Spain / Barcelona Chamber of Commerce

Silvia Canela Vinas, Vice President, Eines Canela S.L. (Canela Group), www.canelatools.com

Silvia started working in her family metallurgical business while she went to school and earned her degree and rose to executive. She apprenticed in all departments of the company from production to logistics to accounting and sales. Today she is teaching and training her two daughters to find success in the business. Having opened in 1967, the company focused on welding and sub-contracting jobs but is now the manufacturer of tools for indexable inserts. Over the years the company took their business globally and sells on 5 continents. Their products are sold in most industrialized countries.

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The company works on 5 continents with subsidiaries in Portugal, Germany, USA, Chile and Malaysia. They are interested in expanding to new markets needing their products.

Spain / CaixaBank



Maite Gasso Casademunt, President & Creative Director, Lola Casademunt, www.lolacasademunt.com

Maite joined the family business, Lola Casademunt after finishing her design studies. The company is 40 years old, having been established by her mother Lola who began the company in her house in Barcelona. Today the business is a pioneering fashion company that has both clothing and accessories. Maite took over the role as president in 2018 after the company was focused just on accessories. She brought the creativity of the fashion clothing line to the business and today, both lines offer 4 annual collections and are considered trend setters with their unique brand stamp. maite@lolacasademunt.com

The company does business in Andorra, Belgium, Cyprus, France, Italy, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Portugal, Ireland and Spain. Maite is working to find partners in Austria, Colombia, Germany, Greece, Poland, the UAE and the United States.

Spain / IESE



Elena Betes Novoa, President, Red Ventures (Rastreator),
www.rastrreator.com, www.redventures.com

Rastreator was born in Spain in 2009 as a result of the experience of Confused.com, the first website in the United Kingdom that allowed the user to compare insurance prices in a single panel. It has revolutionized consumer buying and contracting by providing comparison pricing across the insurance industry. Elena is the International CEO of Red Ventures which is the umbrella company for several brands. Her platform also functions in Mexico, Turkey and India through Preminen and through their European operations in Spain and France. She has created other spinoff companies and created an umbrella holding company, Penguin Portals to house all of her companies. elenabetesnova@gmail.com

The company will continue to grow and offer other services throughout the world.

Spain / Spain Chamber of Commerce



Miriam Fuertes Quintanilla, Councilor, Grupo Fuertes,
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After her education, in 2002 Miriam founded a catering and event management company called Promenade which she still owns and manages today. In 2003 her family recruited her to work in their business, Grupo Fuertes. Over 18 years through internal training and promotion, she has assumed the Executive Management of the Company. Grupo Fuertes is a holding company with 100% Spanish capital and a strong agri-food core. Its portfolio consists of 20 companies across various sectors and its philanthropic outreach covers a range of sports, social and health sciences. Miriam is also the first female VP of the Murcia Chamber of Commerce. comunicacion@groupfuertes.com

The company currently has a presence in over 100 countries. They wish to continue improving and growing and creating quality jobs across the board.

United States / Sunita Bajaj



Wendy Lieber, Co-Founder/CEO, ContentBacon,
www.contentbacon.com

Wendy Lieber is the entrepreneurial cofounder and CEO of ContentBacon, an inbound marketing resource that builds brands people know, like, trust, and buy from. Wendy has a passion for helping customers figure out and communicate their stories and their “whys” so that it resonates with target audiences. Content is her 2nd start-up. Prior to Bacon, she led her first company, Athena Marketing, a small boutique strategic marketing agency, for fourteen years. Her focus helps clients use marketing strategies to enhance the value of their business. Wendy is a member of Entrepreneur’s Organization and a Board of Trustee for Women in Distress.
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The company’s clients are primarily in the United States but she has had clients in England, Switzerland, Canada and South America. Her team members are throughout the US, Mexico and the Philippines. Wendy would love to find clients anywhere in the world as her company’s strengths in creating more value for companies is of a global nature.

United States / Maureen Borzacchiello



Wendy Pease, President, Rapport International,
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Wendy Pease is the President/Owner of Rapport International, a language services company that provides high quality written translation and spoken interpretation in over 200 languages. She’s the author of the book “The Language of Global Marketing”, and the podcast host of the “Global Marketing Show”. Wendy’s passionate about connecting people across languages and cultures. She lived in Mexico, Taiwan, and Philippines where she fell in love with differing cultures and came to understand that we are all human, no matter the language we speak. She has a BA from Penn State and an MBA from Tuck School at Dartmouth College.
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Rapport is currently doing business in the US, Canada, Belgium, Japan, China, Kenya, Philippines & Germany. They wish to expand further in Germany, Scandinavian countries and Belgium.

United States / Diane Henry



Pooja Chandra Pama, CEO, Advanced Medical & Professional Solutions, Inc. www.ampsusa.com

Pooja Chandra Pama is widely recognized as a businesswoman, entrepreneur, humanitarian, and philanthropist. Single-handedly responsible for the establishment, implementation and oversight of multiple entrepreneurial enterprises, she also serves as the President and driving force behind several collaborative businesses. Through her business savvy and experience, innovation, ethical tenacity and commitment to approaches that support teaching both process and content, she has touched tens of thousands of lives, creating practical opportunities, supported and guided by experienced mentorship. Although her entrepreneurial successes are diverse, spanning healthcare, finance, real estate, and talent acquisition, her impact is best embodied in the work of ACE Health Foundation, an organization characterized by its emphasis on corporate citizenship. pooja.pama13@gmail.com

The company does business in the United States, India & Canada and is interested in growing to Liberia, Ghana, Sierra Leone, Kenya & Tanzania.

United States / Wendy Kemp



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