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**Education Session No. 326:
Women on Boards: How to Get Board Ready**

March 22, 2012 at 6:30 PM
Paris

A woman's place is in the boardroom, yet women are significantly under-represented on hedge fund boards.

The senior professionals of our panel, who have been involved with the pragmatic aspects of the boardmember selection process, will share their insights. Learn how to prepare yourself for consideration as a board member, what the requirements are and how to connect a unique talent pool with the needs of the hedge fund boards of today and tomorrow.

Participants

Eléonore de Villepin-Louvard, *Moderator*, CNIM
Miniya Chatterji, The Stargazers Foundation
Mairi Eastwood, Praesta Partners LLP
Alain Pronost, Global Graphics
Charlotte Valeur, Brook Street Partners and Global Governance Group

Event Details

Date: March 22, 2012

Time: 6 PM Registration.

We will begin *promptly* at 6:30 PM; please arrive early. Since it is disruptive to everyone when latecomers enter the session, those arriving after an education session has begun will only be admitted at the discretion of 100WHF and the host. Please note the start time on this invite and plan to arrive early.

Networking and cocktails will follow.

Hosts: The Stargazers Foundation and The American University of Paris

Location: The American University of Paris

Le Grand Salon, 31, Avenue Bosquet, **Paris**, 75006, France

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Space is limited. No walk-ins will be permitted.

Biographies

Eléonore de Villepin-Louvard, Head of Project Finance, CNIM

Eléonore de Villepin-Louvard is Head of Project Finance and Structured Finance at CNIM, a French engineering and industrial company operating two divisions: Energy & Environment (contractor and operator of Waste-to-Energy plants, biomass plants and concentrated solar plants) and Defence & Systems (military equipment). She is responsible in originating, structuring and closing PPP transactions in Europe / Eastern Europe and Middle East. Mrs de Villepin is currently Board Director of three UK companies in the waste-to-energy sector.

Formerly Mrs de Villepin worked 7 years in the US at Lehman Brothers New York as a Senior Associate in the Leveraged Finance and as a Vice President in Structured Finance. She has a BA from the French Business School EM Lyon with concentration in finance.

Miniya Chatterji, Founder, The Stargazers Foundation

Miniya works at an international organization in Geneva, over seeing the Middle East, North Africa and South Asia regions.

She is the founder of The Stargazers Foundation, a not for profit organization that encourages the youth to think afresh, have the courage to come forth with new ideas, be creative, innovate, and... stargaze. Via partnerships, mentoring programs, business incubators, Stargazers engages with visionaries, leaders and companies to together build a community that nurtures young talent, encourages innovation, and in this way finds fresh perspectives to old ways of doing business. It is a small, global, and talented team, fast growing in impact with tons of work satisfaction. <http://www.star-gazers.org/>

Miniya is also a writer - she often writes opinion pieces and political essays in newspapers. As evident she feels strongly for social issues and justice in general (and therefore participated in revolutions in the Middle East while living there), has taught at universities, dabbled at a start up, and worked for a few good years in politics in France where she worked closely with the office of President Jacques Chirac at the Elysee.

Before moving on to do her bit towards the 'real' issues faced by the world, Miniya was making investments in hedge funds as analyst and co-managing 2 Funds of Hedge Funds of \$200 million assets under management in Paris, and before that was managing wealth for the ultra rich at Goldman Sachs in London.

Mairi Eastwood, Partner, Praesta Partners LLP

Mairi Eastwood is co-founder and partner of Praesta Partners LLP, a leading executive coaching firm in the UK, with an associated firm, Praesta France, based in Paris and offices in eleven other countries. Mairi has Master Coach accreditation and works with senior leaders of both genders around Board level in the financial, professional, commercial and public sectors. In the UK, the partners of Praesta together coach about 450 senior executives each year, of whom about 120 are women.

Prior to becoming a coach, eleven years ago, Mairi ran a boutique consulting firm and prior to that she was one of the first women partners in Ernst & Young UK, where she sat on the management committee. Mairi has also sat on a number of not for profit and private company boards in a non-executive capacity. She has two grown up children

Alain Pronost, Secrétaire Général, Global Graphics

Alain Pronost joined Global Graphics as Chief Financial Officer in August 1999 and was appointed a director of the Company in June 2000, where he also fulfils the company secretary and compliance officer roles.

Prior to joining Global Graphics, he served as an audit manager at KPMG Audit between October 1999 and July 1999, and was notably in the charge of the audit of the Company between May 1996 and July 1999.

A member of the Institute of Directors (IoD) and of the Institut Français des Administrateurs (IFA), he is also a qualified director (Administrateur de Sociétés Certifié) since November 2011.

Charlotte Valeur, Managing Director and Founder, Brook Street Partners and Global Governance Group
Charlotte Valeur is a Managing Director and Founder of Brook Street Partners and Global Governance Group.

Prior to this Charlotte worked in The City of London as a Director in Capital Markets at Warburg, BNP Paribas, Societe Generale and Commerzbank.

Charlotte began her career in Copenhagen in 1982 with Nordea A/S as a trader in Mortgage Backed Securities on the Danish Stock Exchange. In 1991 she moved to the London office of Nordea A/S as Head of the UK Fixed Income Sales group.

Charlotte currently serves on boards and committees of a number of listed and unlisted fund management and investment companies including Non Executive Director of 3i Infrastructure FTSE250 listed private equity fund, Chairman of Brevan Howard Credit Catalyst LSE listed hedge fund and Non Executive Director of Renewable Energy Generation AIM listed company.



About The Stargazers Foundation

The Stargazers Foundation is a not for profit organization that encourages the youth, especially young women at the workplace to star gaze - meaning to have the courage to innovate, achieve, and fulfil their dreams. To do so, The Stargazers Foundation works as a cluster where we seek partnerships with organizations and individuals like you to build, participate in and benefit from all our programs for free. Write to us at engage@star-gazers.org to know more. Or come visit us at www.star-gazers.org

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