

Millstein Center at Columbia Law School Appoints Maria Elena Lagomasino, WE Family Offices CEO and Managing Partner, as Advisory Board Member

New York, January 12, 2022 [The Ira M. Millstein Center for Global Markets and Corporate Ownership](#) at Columbia Law School announced the appointment of [Maria Elena \(Mel\) Lagomasino](#) to its advisory board.

Ms. Lagomasino joins a group of distinguished board members with leading experience in global financial markets and corporate governance.

Maria Elena Lagomasino

Maria Elena Lagomasino is CEO and Managing Partner of WE Family Offices, a global family office serving ultra high net worth families. She is a recognized leader in the wealth management industry, and is a founder of the Institute for the Fiduciary Standard. Before founding WE, Ms. Lagomasino served as a CEO of GenSpring Family Offices, a wealth management firm. Prior to that, she served as chairman and chief executive officer of JPMorgan Private Bank. Her career in banking began in 1977 at Citibank. She joined the Chase Manhattan Private Bank in 1983 and was named head of Chase's worldwide private banking business in 1997. Following the Chase-JPMorgan merger, Ms. Lagomasino became chairman and chief executive officer of JPMorgan Private Bank.

Ms. Lagomasino serves on the boards of The Walt Disney Company and The Coca-Cola Company. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and a Trustee of the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

[Ira M. Millstein](#), founding chair of the Millstein Center and senior partner at Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, said "Mel's deep experience and knowledge of public company boards and the financial services industry will be invaluable to the center."

In August 2015, Ms. Lagomasino was named one of the 50 most influential women in Wealth Management by Private Asset Management. In 2012, she was named one of the Directorship 100 by the National Association of Corporate Directors and was named by American Banker one of 2012's Top 25 Women in Finance. Ms. Lagomasino was named "Women of the Year" by Hispanic Business Magazine in 2007. In September 2006, she was appointed by President Bush to help lead an effort to secure private sector funds to aid disaster victims in Central America and served on Secretary Rice's Advisory Board on Transformational Diplomacy.

Ms. Lagomasino earned a bachelor's degree from Manhattanville College, an M.S. from Columbia University and an M.B.A from Fordham University.

“We are thrilled to welcome Mel to the center and back to the Columbia University community,” said [Erica Mitnick Klein](#), the center’s executive director. “Beyond public company board experience, Mel brings highly valuable perspective from across a range of industries and world-class not-for-profit institutions.”

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About the Millstein Center

Building on Columbia Law School’s longstanding strength in corporate and securities law, the Millstein Center operates at the forefront of new thinking about how corporations are governed. The center engages with business leaders and board directors to create meaningful dialogue about the challenges companies face, and serves as a focal point for the most innovative research into the policy solutions required to tackle those challenges.