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STEPHEN BRONFMAN Stephen is the Executive Chairman of Claridge where he has spent more than 20 years guiding the firm's investment strategy and seeking out unique business opportunities both locally and globally. He is equally committed to environmental, cultural, and community causes and, with his wife Claudine, co-chairs the Claudine and Stephen Bronfman Family Foundation. Stephen is also the Chief Revenue Officer of the Liberal Party of Canada and was on the board of the Society for the Celebration of Montréal's 375th Anniversary. At Claridge, Stephen focuses on ventures with solid management and operational credentials, partnering with businesses to achieve long-term value and growth. Investing in sectors ranging from real

estate to entertainment, Stephen has led Claridge to strong partnerships and distinct market opportunities with many notable successes. Under Stephen's leadership, both Claridge and the Foundation continue to seek opportunities to achieve exceptional results in the economic and social spheres.



NELL DIAMOND Nell is the Founder and CEO of Hill House Home, a New York based direct-to-consumer bedding and home business. Since launching in 2016, Hill House Home has been featured in The New York Times, VOGUE, Architectural Digest, The Wall Street Journal and more, shipping to customers in over 20 countries. For her work founding Hill House Home, Nell Diamond was named to the Forbes "30 Under 30" list for Retail & E-Commerce.

Nell developed the concept for Hill House Home as part of Yale's Start-Up Founder Practicum, an incubator for companies conceived by students of the School of Management from which she graduated in 2015.

While at Yale, Nell worked as a Retail Performance Analyst with LVMH as part of the Louis Vuitton US group. Prior to beginning her MBA program, Nell worked as a Fixed Income Analyst at Deutsche Bank in New York. Nell graduated with a BA in English Literature from Princeton University in 2011.



GOWRI ISHWARAN Recipient of the coveted Padmashri Award from the Government of India in 2004, Gowri Ishwaran is an innovative educationist with over 30 years of experience in leading schools of India. With a very clear vision of the type of educational experience and nurturing that children deserve, she has brought a paradigm shift in how education needs to be imparted to young children. She has been the Founder Principal of Sanskriti School, New Delhi, which has become a leading school in India in a short span of 10 years.

She is currently the CEO of The Global Education and Leadership Foundation, where the mission is to mentor and nurture young people to evolve into ethical leaders of tomorrow, and be the change makers that the world so desperately needs.



JAMIL MAHUAD Jamil was President of Ecuador from 1998 to 2000. Pledging to bring fiscal discipline and political stability to the nation, Mr. Mahuad instituted economic reform policies, focusing on reducing government spending and improving tax collection mechanisms. Before becoming president, Mr. Mahuad served as Mayor of Quito for six years. As an IOP Fellow, Mr. Mahuad led a weekly study group on Latin American politics, leadership, and the effects of a global economy.



JULIET SCOTT-CROXFORD Juliet began her career as a management consultant, learning to code at IBM Business Consulting Services, before focusing on business strategy and organizational change, working with clients to solve complex business problems across a variety of sectors. Her experience in this area took her to a role at Boxwood (now KPMG) where she worked as a senior consultant in strategy and business change, with a focus on the media and technology sector. After working as a consultant with Guardian News & Media (GNM) on its print to digital strategy, she became head of commercial delivery and was subsequently promoted to director of commercial operations. She joined the Executive Committee in 2015 and, as chief delivery officer; responsible for the strategic

implementation of the Guardian's three year turnaround plan and subsequent transformation and growth for the Guardian's US operation, relocating to New York in 2016. In 2018 Juliet was appointed CEO of Worth, a content platform for high net worth individuals covering lifestyle, finance, and philanthropic content. She lives in Brooklyn with her husband and 1-year-old son Jesse, is a keen runner and skier, and practices yoga in her spare time.



ROBERT SHERMAN Robert A. Sherman has returned to Greenberg Traurig, the nation's largest law firm, as Senior Counsel. Bob was a founding member and former co-managing shareholder of the firm's Boston office, and has wide-ranging trial and regulatory experience. He served as co-lead counsel for hundreds of victims in the Boston Archdiocese clergy abuse scandal. Bob most recently served as the United States Ambassador to Portugal from 2014 – 2017, having been nominated by President Barack Obama and unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate. As Ambassador, he focused heavily on bilateral economic development and international security issues, such as cybersecurity, refugees, narcoterrorism and NATO.

In recognition of Bob's work in the country, Portuguese President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa decorated him with the Grand Cross of the Order of Prince Henry the Navigator in March 2017.

Bob has written a book on his innovative leadership style while serving as Ambassador. The book will be published in Portugal in time for Christmas, 2018. In 2017, Bob was appointed as an independent board member of a major international bank, whose majority shareholder is an American private equity firm. In this role, Bob serves as chair of the Compliance Committee focusing on EU bank regulatory requirements and anti-money laundering rules. He also serves on the board of directors of a financial technology company headquartered in Barcelona Spain and is an advisor and board member of a public affairs/crisis communications firm located in Boston and Washington, D.C.

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ILYAS WASHINGTON Pain and suffering are said to be part of life. As a scientist, Ilyas works to invent therapeutics to ease pain and suffering. He received a BA in Chemistry from Bard College and a PhD in Computational Chemistry from the University of California Los Angeles, under the tutelage of Ken Houk. He won a postdoctoral fellowship, which was sponsored by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), at Columbia University, where he worked jointly under the mentorship of Koji Nakanishi and Nick Turro, in the fields of Natural Products and Photochemistry. From initial conception to bedside is an arduous process (10 plus years) requiring dedicated and diverse teams of people. Over

the past 12 years, he has been lucky to be a part of, work with, and lead such teams. Patents, publications, contracts, and companies: published those, entered into many, and founded a few. FDA filings and clinical trial protocols: check. In addition to private funding, he has raised over 10 million dollars in federal funding. His work has been chronicled in the Wall Street Journal, Nature Magazine, The Boston Globe, and on FOX News. He has received several awards for his contributions to Medicine and Science and has been invited on numerous occasions as a speaker to discuss the development of novel small molecule therapeutics. Currently, he runs a private research lab called biOOrg3.14. He is also a Chief Scientist and consults for several spin-off biotech companies that are developing products he invented. He is currently developing therapeutics for age-related macular degeneration, diabetes, and chronic pain.



TOPHER WHITE Topher is Founder and CEO of Rainforest Connection. Topher has experience building systems for large and small startups as well as international science projects, including four years working on nuclear fusion at ITER, in France.

He has received multiple accolades for his work, including being named a National Geographic Emerging Explorer in 2015, a current Draper-Richards-Kaplan (DRK) Fellow and an "Engineering Hero" by the Institute for Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). Topher's background is primarily in Physics, software development and Communication, having received a degree in Physics at Kenyon College and going on to work for years at SLAC Natl Accelerator Lab (High Energy

Physics) and the ITER Organization (Nuclear Fusion) in France.

Along the way, he also served as CTO for two startups in San Francisco, where he obtained industry-level experience in software development – the foundation of the Rainforest Connection platform.