



**WomenCorporateDirectors**  
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## **WomenCorporateDirectors EMEA Institute Tackles Challenge of Rebuilding Trust in Institutions amid Geopolitical Turmoil**

**October 24-25, 2017 – Madrid, Spain**

MADRID, SPAIN – October 19, 2017 – As companies increasingly seek boardroom guidance amid dramatic geopolitical and technology changes, [WomenCorporateDirectors \(WCD\)](#) – the largest organization of women corporate board members globally – is hosting its 5<sup>th</sup> annual [WCD EMEA Institute](#) October 24-25 in Madrid. More than 70 top women executives from across the EMEA region – including directors, board chairs, and CEOs – will convene at KPMG offices for a two-day conference exploring hot issues that are topping boardroom agendas.

“Europe, the Middle East, and Africa is in a state of flux, with economic, civil, and political disruption in a number of countries having far-reaching implications for businesses operating across the region,” says **Susan Stautberg**, WCD CEO and Chairman. “Through a deep exploration of key issues, the Institute will give directors tools to help with stable governance and corporate oversight in this climate.”

Institute speakers will include directors and executives from Airbus to Unilever to Marks and Spencer, Vodafone, Luxottica Group, and AIG South Africa, tackling a range of topics, including:

- **From Brexit to Trump: What Does the Increasingly Complex Geopolitical Landscape Mean for Boards and Directors?**
- **How Are Boards Responding to the Technology Imperative?**
- **Strategic Investor Management: Comparative Approaches Across EMEA**
- **Trust and Transparency: How Do Boards Show Leadership in Rebuilding Broken Trust?**

The sponsors of the WCD EMEA Institute include: KPMG, International Lead Sponsor; Spencer Stuart, International Premier Sponsor; Pearl Meyer, Vinson & Elkins, Latham & Watkins, and Marsh & McLennan as International Strategic Sponsors; and the Center for Audit Quality and Marriott as International Supporting Sponsors.

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- **Americas Institute** – March 7-8, 2018; Miami
- **Global Institute** – May 8-10, 2018; New York

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