

Candidate Board members



Kristine Wolcott Braden

Biography

- Born in 1974 in San Francisco, California.
- Holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree with Honours in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley. She also studied at the Universidad Complutense de Madrid in Spain as an exchange student. Kristine completed masters-level corporate finance and accounting coursework at Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies.
- Kristine Braden is a global banker with extensive experience working in Europe, Asia, the US and Latin America. She has consistently driven growth and profitability in product and client-facing roles including corporate and investment banking, markets, transaction services and wealth management. She also has executive leadership, board, regulatory and crisis management experience. She worked for 26 years with Citigroup in a variety of senior roles, most recently as Europe Head, CEO and Board Member of Citibank Europe Plc in Ireland and CEO and Management Board Member of Citigroup Global Markets Europe AG in Germany. She also served as the Vice Chair of the Supervisory Board of Bank Handlowy Warszawie S.A., Chair of the Strategy & Management Committee and Vice Chair of the Risk & Capital Committee.
- Currently, Kristine serves as Board Director and Risk & Audit Committee Member at Vontobel Holdings and Vontobel Bank AG, an international investment firm with Swiss roots. She is also a senior advisor to Frontier Tech Capital Pte Ltd, a Singaporean-headquartered Asian technology fund.
- Kristine is active in the non-profit sector as a board member of TrustBridge Global Foundation, a global donor advised fund; ICM, a charity serving the poor in Asia, Africa and Latin America and Be Still Media Foundation, an art incentivizer.
- On the Board of Directors of KBC Group, Kristine is proposed as an independent director and member of the Risk and Compliance and the Nomination Committee.



Line Merethe Hestvik

Biography:

- Born in 1969, in Oslo, Norway
- Holds degree in Master of Business and Economics (Siviløkonom), specializing in finance, from Norwegian School of Management BI, Norway
- International executive with extensive knowledge of insurance and financial industry. With over 25 years of experience, she has delivered results in both operative P&L and strategic change roles. She held various positions in Storebrand and If P&C. From 2005 – 2012, she served as Head of Business Area Private If P&C Nordic and was a member of Sampo Group Executive Committee. She developed and executed strategies with a strong focus on digital, data & analytics, and technology. From 2013 – 2019, she was Head of Global P&C Allianz SE. From 2021-2023, she served as global Chief Sustainability Officer at Allianz SE, establishing and integrating sustainability across the Allianz organization and Allianz business areas.
- Former experience in serving on Boards in the financial industry in Europe includes roles such as Board Member (Vice Chair from May 2022 to March 2023) at Allianz Germany, Board Member at Allianz Versicherungs-AG, Board Member at Allianz Beratungs- und Vertriebs-AG, Board Member at Allianz Russia, Board Member at Finance Norway (original name FNO Norway), Board Member at Fremtind Forsikring and Chair of the Audit and Risk Committees. She is also a Board Member of Nova Consulting Group, a company delivering digital solutions.
- In the Board of KBC Group, Line is proposed as an independent director and member of the Risk and Compliance and the Nomination Committee



Michiel Allaerts

Biography:

- Born in 1987, in Turnhout, Belgium
- Holds a Master's degree in Law (2010, Catholic University Louvain), a Postgraduate degree in Business Administration (2012, Catholic University Louvain), and an MBA (2015, Global Executive MBA program Insead).
- Michiel began his career as legal consultant with Deloitte. In 2012 Michiel joined Ravago as an intern with the American logistics team. Upon returning to Europe, he joined the Finance team and oversaw Ravago's global insurance programs. From 2014 to 2017, Michiel headed Ravago's operations teams, overseeing logistics, warehousing and customer service. Between 2018 and 2022, he served as the Business Director of Ultrapolymers, one of Ravago's key distribution channels. In 2020, Michiel took on the additional responsibility of overseeing Ravago's IT department, aiming to achieve efficiencies of scale and prepare the company for a digital future. Michiel was appointed Ravago's CFO and COO in 2023.
- In the Board of KBC Group, Michiel is proposed as a non-executive director, representative of core shareholders.