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TREASURER NAPIER AND UCONN ANNOUNCE ADDITIONAL PANELIST, PARTICIPANTS FOR FORUM ON WOMEN ON U.S. CORPORATE BOARDS

HARTFORD, CT – Irene Chang Britt, former President of Norwalk-based Pepperidge Farm, has been added to the panel for *Women in the Corporate Boardroom: A Business Imperative for American Companies* on Wednesday, September 16 at the Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts in Hartford.

Also, speakers will include Connecticut State Treasurer **Denise L. Nappier**; **Anne Sheehan**, the Director of Corporate Governance for the California State Teachers Retirement System (CalSTRS), the largest teachers' public pension fund in the U.S.; **Teresa C. Younger**, President and CEO of the Ms. Foundation for Women, and **Charlotte Laurent-Ottomane**, Executive Director of The Thirty Percent Coalition.

The in-depth, one-night forum starts at 6 p.m. and is being presented by the Connecticut State Treasurer's Office and the University of Connecticut, in association with the Connecticut Forum.

Joining Treasurer Nappier, principal fiduciary of the \$29.7 billion Connecticut Retirement Plans and Trust Funds, at the forum will be; John Elliott, Dean, University of Connecticut School of Business; JoAnn Cavallaro, Executive Committee, ION Interorganization Network; Laura Liswood, Secretary General of the Council of Women World Leaders; Christiane Neumayer, Chair, New York City Campaign Committee, 2020 Women on Boards; Tim Smith, Director of ESG Shareholder Engagement at Walden Asset Management; and Secretary of the State Denise Merrill.



In addition to leading Pepperidge Farm, stepping down in January 2015, Britt presided over Campbell Soup's Global Baking & Snacking businesses. With net sales exceeding \$2 billion annually, Campbell is the No. 3 global player in the baked snacks category. Britt is a member of the Board of Dunkin' Brands Group, Inc., where she is also an Audit Committee member. She serves on the Catalyst Board of Advisors and on the Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) U.S. Executive Advisory Board.

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Britt will be joining panelists **Afsaneh Bechloss**, CEO of The Rock Creek Group and former Treasurer and Chief Investment Officer of The World Bank, and **Aaron Dhir**, Professor of Law at Osgoode Hall Law School whose book on corporate governance and diversity, “Challenging Boardroom Homogeneity,” was published this spring.

The discussion will be moderated by **Mika Brzezinski**, co-host of MSNBC’s Morning Joe.

The panel will address how increased representation of women on corporate boards impacts the bottom line and whether and how it can most quickly and most effectively be achieved. The panel of experts will express viewpoints informed by their own experiences and research, and respond to audience questions.

How To Register

Individuals interested in attending the forum can reserve tickets at www.business.uconn.edu/WICB. There is no charge to attend, but reservations must be made in advance.

More information about the September 16 forum in Hartford and the issue of women on corporate boards can be seen at <http://www.otl.ct.gov/womenonboards.html>

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