

NBS Women Series: Are you conscious of your unconscious bias?



[Panelist]
Mr Colin Albert
Commercial Head
Roche Pharma APAC

Colin Albert is Commercial Head and Regional GM FMI for Roche Pharma APAC. He has extensive experience in the Pharma Sector with over 10 years international business experience across a diverse range of cultures, which included an Emerging Markets International Business Leader role based in Switzerland and a Business Effectiveness and Strategy role based in Shanghai.

In his current role he is responsible for leading Strategy and Business Effectiveness and driving business success in Asia. In this role he works closely with Pharma Development and Partnering bodies to ensure new molecules are made available to APAC patients as early as possible. In October 2016 he established the Roche Pharma – FMI Division in APAC, with the aim of championing “Precision Medicine” through the Foundation Medicine range of products, which is based on the latest next generation sequencing technology coupled to an extensive knowledge base. Prior to this Colin held various sales and marketing roles in Australia for Roche as well as AstraZeneca.

Colin holds a BA in Economics and Politics and a Graduate Diploma in Management; he is also a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (GAICD).

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Ms Bianca Stringuini

Head for Diversity & Inclusion, Asia Pacific

JP Morgan Chase

MSc (International Business) 2009

Bianca Stringuini is the Head for Diversity & Inclusion for JP Morgan Chase, Asia Pacific. In her current role she oversees the strategy and implementation for diversity & inclusion programmes, goals and metrics for the entire region.

In her previous role she was the Head for Diversity & Inclusion for AIG, Asia Pacific and previous to that she was a Senior Consultant for Mercer Asia Pacific, focusing on diversity and inclusion practices and supporting communication, change management and talent management projects.

Previous to this role she was Manager for Diversity and Inclusion for American Express Asia Pacific, her job was to build awareness and skills, define what Diversity & Inclusion means in Asian markets and establish key priorities for actions, specifically displaying Diversity as a key business strategy.

In her career before that Bianca Stringuini had strong commercial and strategy focused roles in diverse sectors such as banking, real estate and fashion, mostly in international business development and branding.

She has spoken as a diversity leader in international Conferences and Forums including the UN CSW Global Conference on Empowering Women Financially, D&I Asia Conference in Hong Kong, and World Bank organized symposium on Women Banking Alliance plus several others in Asia and the USA. She is also a cultural awareness and change management trained facilitator.

Bianca has a Master degree in International Business by the Nanyang Technological University and a BA degree in International Affairs from the Pontificia Universidade Catolica of Sao Paulo.

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Ms Yong Zen Yun

Partner (Assurance)

PwC

Bachelor of Accountancy 2002

Zen Yun is an audit partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP Singapore and a practising member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Singapore. She started her career with PwC since graduating from NTU (Accountancy) and has over 15 years of experience in financial statement audits, Sarbanes-Oxley compliance and accounting advisory for several initial public offerings and bond offerings in Singapore. She is also an alumni of the PwC Genesis Park Programme which was a residential Global Leadership Development Programme held in Washington DC for four months.

Zen Yun is married with two children and enjoys travelling with her family.

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[Moderator]

Ms Harasha Bafana

Founder

The Adam & Hawa Network

MBA 2005

Harasha Bafana is Founder of The Adam & Hawa Network. She helps Small Business Owners get the Right Knowledge & work with the Right Partners to grow their businesses - and avoid making expensive mistakes. She conducts talks, a business mentoring programme & undertakes consulting projects. Since its launch in late 2014, her clients have stopped making tens of thousands of dollars' worth of mistakes, ended painful situations & grown their businesses faster.

She was formerly the Centre Director of SME Centre @ SMCCI, an organisation supported by SPRING Singapore. Together with her team, she helped to advise more than 5,000 small business owners.

Harasha was also the General Manager and co-owner of an F&B business called Samar, which she helped grow into a million-dollar business with \$0 advertising. TIME Magazine – in its annual search for “the region’s most remarkable places and experiences” – named Samar as “One of the Best Places to go to in Asia” in 2007.

She holds an MBA from NTU’s Nanyang Business School and a Social Science honours degree from National University of Singapore. Her diverse professional background includes being a Junior Diplomat with Singapore’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs, a SingTel Manager and Adjunct Business Lecturer at tertiary institutions.

She is also a Board Member at the Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority of Singapore (AVA).