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R.M. VISHAKHA

48, Managing director and CEO
IndiaFirst Life Insurance

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After steering IndiaFirst Life Insurance to profitability, R.M. Vishakha wants to revolutionise the insurance space by focussing on the retail and micro segments.

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AMEERA SHAH
39, Promoter and MD
Metropolis Healthcare

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Shah has transformed a single-location pathology laboratory, started by her father in Mumbai in 1981, into a leading chain of 101 diagnostic labs across India and Africa. With the help of marquee investors such as Warburg Pincus, KKR and Carlyle, Shah has been steadfastly growing the business over the years by adding labs and collection centres in new locations and expanding the test menu. Metropolis, which had a turnover of ₹650 crore in FY18, is now focussed on increasing the retail share of its overall business through innovation and technology.



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PRIYA PAUL
52, Chairperson, Apeejay
Surrendra Park Hotels

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After a few quiet years, Apeejay Surrendra Park Hotels under Paul is in expansion mode. It launched its first adults-only property in Goa in January. Under Paul, seen as the force behind the Park's boutique hotels, the company also entered into an agreement with the government of West Bengal to reopen a 232-year-old hotel near Kolkata called The Denmark Tavern. Under its brand Zone by The Park, the company signed 15 new properties which will open in the next five years. By 2020, the brand will have 20 operational hotels.



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RITU KUMAR
74, Founder
Ritu Kumar Design

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Ritu Kumar, the grande dame of Indian fashion, completed 50 years in the industry this year. Known for reviving traditional textile techniques, her firm is strengthening its online and off-line presence. It has expanded its inventory on marketplace partners like Myntra and Jabong. Ritu Kumar Design's online business grew more than 300% in 2017-18. The firm expects its overseas business to rise from 30% to 50% of total revenue in a few years. It's not just tradition: The fashion house is using advanced analytical solutions for insights into optimal season allocations and delivery strategy.



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VISHAKHA MULYE
49, Executive director
ICICI Bank

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When Mulye returned from ICICI Venture Funds Management Company to the bank in 2016, she took up the challenge of turning around the biggest corporate banking division in the country among private banks. Her decision to focus on resolving stressed accounts and make incremental disbursements to higher-rated clients helped improve the portfolio and earnings quality of the wholesale banking business. Her efforts paid off. The share of higher-rated clients grew from 52% in March 2016 to 63% in June 30, 2018, while non-credit income rose 30%.