

Maria Garcia Nielsen

Board Director: Mibanco of Credicorp (NYSE: BAP) Lontana SA

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Boards

Maria Garcia Nielsen is an independent director for private European multinationals in the industrials sector. In Latin America she serves on the board of a microfinance bank. Her boardroom experience includes family-owned, ESOPs, and subsidiaries of public companies.

Maria also serves on non-profit boards including the Novia Salcedo Foundation dedicated to increasing employment opportunities for young adults; and WomenExecs on Boards where she served as Co-Chair of the Board from 2020-2022. She founded the Wharton Alumni for Boards initiative in 2019.

Career

Maria leverages technology to propel profitability and has successfully led digital transformations to drive revenue. Her most recent executive role was CEO of Office Depot (Nasdaq: ODP) in Spain and Portugal where she repositioned the retailer towards a direct online channel. For 13 years she executed Mergers and Acquisitions of information technology companies in Southern Europe and Latin America as a founding member of a €150M Banco Santander-funded firm investing in ecommerce companies. She pivoted into digital, after working as a strategy consultant for McKinsey in the retail sector. She was founder and CEO of Libroweb, a first-of-kind online bookstore that anchored the Spanish book market and was acquired after three years by Amazon.

Education

Ms. Garcia Nielsen received her BS in Mechanical Engineering from Cornell University and an MBA from the Wharton School of Business.