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Head UBS in Society and CEO UBS Optimus Foundation

Phyllis is committed to making UBS a force for driving positive change in society and the environment for future generations. Phyllis is also dedicated to finding innovative ways to use finance to tackle some of the world's most pressing social and environmental issues. In her role as CEO UBS Optimus Foundation she applies an investment-based approach, making it simpler for clients and their families to manage their philanthropy and maximize their impact. Since starting at UBS in 2011 she's been instrumental in reshaping the UBS Optimus Foundation's strategy.

Prior to UBS, Phyllis was a senior executive and board member of the Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF). She also has more than a decade of experience as a management consultant and has worked in the public sector for New York State Governor Mario Cuomo.

Phyllis is a member of the USA Charity Board of Directors of Educate Girls, board member of the International Center for Research on Women (ICRW), UBS Optimus Foundation UK, a senior advisor to the Education Outcomes Fund for Africa and the Middle East, and a member of the Council of Foreign Relations.

Phyllis holds a Masters of Public Policy from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.