



WIL Virtual Panel Series presents:

## **ELEVATE2:**

A conversation with our EHL Alumnae

March 8, 2022 12:00-13:00 CET (via zoom)



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**MBA AEHL 2020** Renee Kim GM at Regala Sky City Hotel, HK



**AEHL 2012** Stéphanie Raimbault GM at La Dame de Pic\*\* at Four Seasons Hotel London. UK



**AEHL 1996** Tanja Wegmann GM at Grand Hotel Les Trois Rois, CH



**Moderator:** Prof. Dr. Sowon Kim Founder of Women in Leadership



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## **Panelists**

Renee Kim is a seasoned hospitality executive with 30 years of experience in hotel operations, finance, human resources, training and TQM. She has successfully opened 7 hotels and has substantial expertise in acquisition and takeover projects, re-branding, establishing shared service operations, cluster/multiple-property responsibilities, re-engineering projects, union negotiations, and owner relations. Renee Kim has worked with The Ritz-Carlton Hotels, Marriott Hotels, and Hyatt Hotels, and is currently with Regal Hotels International as the General Manager at Regala SkyCity Hotel. She obtained her MBA in Hospitality from the Ecole hôtelière de Lausanne and a BA in Mathematics from the Washington University in St. Louis. Renee Kim is fluent in English, Chinese (Mandarin), and Korean.

Tanja Wegmann boasts a wealth of management experience in the international hospitality business and the luxury goods sector. After spells in Switzerland, Europe and Asia she worked for the Grand Hotel Les Trois Rois in Basel once before, from 2005 to 2009, initially as Resident Manager and, from March 2007 to April 2009, as General Manager. During that time she was instrumental in promoting the Basel establishment of long standing to the top flight of hotels in the Swiss hotel industry, following its refurbishment in 2006. Thereafter, as Managing Director of the Swiss jewellers Bucherer for six years, Tanja Wegmann was responsible for the further expansion of the flagship store in Zurich and the running of six boutiques. She then took up the position of Regional Manager for Switzerland and Central Europe at Hublot until mid-2016. Tanja Wegmann was born in Basel in 1972 and attended the Swiss hotel management school in Lausanne. She has an MBA from Henley Management College in Oxfordshire, England.

Stéphanie Raimbault is the General Manager of La Dame de Pic London, two Michelin stars, working along with the most decorated female Michelin-starred chef Anne-Sophie Pic. The restaurant is set within the Four Seasons Hotel London at Ten Trinity Square. After graduating in 2012 from EHL, Stephanie straight away joined the Hotel group where she now spent her past ten years. She went through various properties and responsibilities. Her path took her from being an F&B Guest relation, to a Rooms MIT including a spa opening experience, followed by five years as a Sales Manager, before going back to F&B. Stephanie has an international background, being born in Japan, and with French and Salvadorian origins. Growing up in the French Riviera from a family of restaurateur, Stephanie always had the hospitality in her blood. She believes passion, emotional intelligence and creativity have been key for her success.

## Moderator

Prof. Sowon Kim is an advocate and expert of diversity & inclusion and people-centric corporate cultures. Dr. Kim is a faculty member of Ecole hôtelière de Lausanne (EHL) and Founder of EHL's Women in Leadership (WIL). She teaches leadership and intercultural management to executives, managers, and undergrads and conducts research on personality, networking, work-family, and leadership diversity. Dr. Kim is also Co-Chairlady of HoteliersGuild's LeadingHotelières and Academy of Hospitality Arts and Co-owner of the kid's entertainment park, Monstrofun. She holds a PhD from the University of Geneva, was a Visiting Scholar at INSEAD Fontainebleau, and pursued her post doc at IESE Business School (both funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation). Prior her current roles, Dr. Kim gained substantial business experience in the consumer goods, high-tech, broadcasting, and jewellery industries. She speaks four languages and lived in eight countries across East Asia, Latin/North America, and Western Europe before settling in Martigny (Switzerland) with her family.