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Attributes of Women Directors and Corporate Governance

Message from the Guest Editor

Over the past two decades, policymakers worldwide have adopted numerous initiatives to promote corporate gender equity. This has inspired extensive research in accounting and finance, particularly regarding women's role in corporate boards. Despite the increasing number of studies discussing how board gender diversity affects firm-level outcomes, most studies only consider the presence or absence of women directors and the proportion of female directors on corporate boards. Most recently, the focus has shifted to attributes of women directors, such as their independence, committee membership, leadership, tenure, age, nationality/ethnicity, business education, other board membership, etc. These studies provide valuable insights into the effect of different attributes of women directors. However, more work is needed to examine whether women board members' attributes affect firmlevel outcomes in different institutional settings, such as family dominance, relatively weaker country-level investor protection, mandatory gender quota, and COVID-19. This Special Issue aims to provide new insights into women board members' attributes at different firm-level outcomes.

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