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**SACC New York
Mentor Program in
International Business**

2012

**A program for young professionals
and senior executive leaders**

Letter from the President



Back in 2003, the Swedish-American Chamber of Commerce in New York established the Swedish-American Executive Women's Conference with the goal of creating an annual forum for professional women from both Sweden and the United States. Since then, the conference has grown impressively, attracting all sorts of talented women, from young professionals to seasoned executives. In the process, it has given birth to a network linking leading businesswomen from a wide range of industries, each bringing their own special insights and perspective to the gathering.

In 2007, building on the success of the Executive Women's Conference, the Chamber launched the SACC New York Mentor Program in partnership with the firm Thunell & Partners, specialists in executive coaching and mentoring programs. The new SACC New York 12-month Mentor Program in International Business was an instant hit and is no less popular today.

The Program is offered annually and runs simultaneously in Stockholm and New York, with mentors selected from our extensive network of member executives. Thanks to last years great success, we are delighted to continue to offer the New York program to both female and male participants. We truly hope you will join us as we look forward to another successful program in 2012.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Renée Lundholm'.

Renée Lundholm
President

Who should participate?

The Stockholm program is open to businesswomen, aged 26 to 38, currently working for international organizations and seeking to further develop their leadership skills. The New York Program is since 2010 open to both women and men (aged 26 to 38).

The program is limited to 16 mentees and 16 mentors in both cities. Mentors are carefully selected from SACC New York's extensive network of member executives.

Leadership Seminars

After the initial introduction session and a kick-off seminar, the program includes a series of evening workshops and seminars focusing on strategy, leadership, and career development. The seminars provide the perfect setting to share experiences and insights in a dynamic environment.

Mentor and Mentee: Personal Dialogues

Dialogue between mentor and mentee forms the core of the program. Such meetings take place roughly once every six weeks and offer the opportunity for in-depth discussion focusing on career development, as well as the chance to form a lasting personal bond between mentor and mentee.

Who benefits?

Everyone! Mentees benefit from personalized counsel and valuable networking opportunities, while mentors get to play a first-hand role in shaping the global business leaders of tomorrow.

Yvonne Thunell Program Director



Yvonne Thunell is a Certified Mentor, Leadership Development Coach, and the Founder of Thunell & Partners. In addition to her expertise in managing mentoring programs and her considerable business experience, Yvonne has served on several charitable foundation boards. Currently, she is Chairman of The Mentor Foundation Board of Trustees.

Participating Companies

Since the program's inception in 2007, the following companies have participated in Stockholm and New York:

Stockholm-based:

- Advokatfirman Vinge KB
- AFA Försäkring
- All Taxes
- AstraZeneca
- Axfood
- Axholmen Consulting
- Bondi Executive Search
- Bonver
- Carnegie Investment Bank AB
- Consafe Logistics Consulting
- Deloitte AB
- Diageo
- Dialect
- Electrolux
- Ernst & Young AB
- GE Real Estate
- Gernandt & Danielsson Advokatbyrå
- HCL Technologies
- H&M
- IBM
- ICA
- Image Group
- Inditex Scandinavia
- Investor AB
- IW Språk & Media
- J.P. Morgan
- Kreab Gavin Anderson
- KPMG Sweden
- Kubi LLC
- LfV Group
- Lind & Schultz Financial Consultants AB
- Linklaters Advokatbyrå AB
- Länsförsäkringar
- Mannheimer Swartling Advokatbyrå
- MAQS Law Firm
- Marianne Flink AB
- Morgan Stanley
- Nasdaq OMX
- NCC AB
- Nordea Bank
- Advokatfirman Norelid & Holm
- Pfizer AB
- PricewaterhouseCoopers AB
- SAS
- Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB
- Procter & Gamble
- Scania InfoMate
- SEB
- SLL IT (Stockholms Läns Landsting, IT)
- Swedish Export Credit Corporation
- Schering-Plough AB
- Sogeti Sverige AB
- Sony Pictures Home Entertainment
- Stena Gotthard
- Stinson Partners AB
- SVCA
- Systembolaget AB
- TV8
- Twilfit
- Thule AB
- Vattenfall Power Consultants
- Veolia Transport Northern Europe
- Verizon Business
- Volvo Personbilar Sverige AB
- Wikman Gideon & Partners
- XL Insurance

New York-based:

- The Absolut Company
- Accenture
- BearingPoint
- Bristol-Myers Squibb
- Canon USA
- Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP
- Deloitte
- Ericsson, Inc.
- Ericson Associates LLC
- Fried Frank Law Firm
- Handelsbanken
- Handelsbanken Market Securities, Inc.
- H&M
- IBM
- Iittala Group, Inc.
- Investor Growth Capital, Inc.
- IQPC
- J.P. Morgan
- KF Production
- Kreab Gavin Anderson
- KPMG LLP
- Mannheimer Swartling Advokatbyrå LLP
- Marsch & McLennan Co.
- Mediaplanet, Inc.
- Morgan Stanley
- Nasdaq OMX
- Newmark Knight Frank LLP
- Pfizer, Inc.
- Pharmadule
- Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP
- PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Prudential Real Estate Investors
- SEB
- Skaggs Design + Advertising
- Skanska USA, Inc.
- Standard & Poor's
- Time, Inc.
- Virtus Relocation
- Volvo Group North America
- Womens World Banking & The World Bank

Join the Program

We encourage potential mentees and mentors to apply for the program by March 16.

Program Kickoff

The Stockholm program: April 26, 2012

The New York City program: May 15, 2012

Program Fee

The program fee (\$1,900 and \$2,500 per mentee in New York and Stockholm respectively) is traditionally covered by the mentee's employer. The mentors generously contribute their time and engagement.

For more information or to apply, please contact:

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What our participants say about the program



Mentor Program Participants in New York 2008

"I feel that the program allowed me to really spread my wings and learn about industries and leadership in a completely different way. I enjoyed listening and learning from my peers, the other mentees, and from the advisers - the mentors. The program gave me a new set of skills that added to my confidence as an individual entering the business world. My mentor believed in co-mentorship and allowed me to share my insights into her questions about my generation and what we find important. This relationship we formed was one of the most important relationships I have formed over the years both personally and professionally."

Sarah S. Shaikh, Associate Financial Analyst, Time Inc. & Current MBA Candidate,
Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania
Mentee, New York 2008

"The mentor program has been very rewarding. I have very much appreciated the meetings with my mentor and the inspiring discussions we have had. The topics in group sessions regarding leadership and personal development have been a good starting point for further discussions and a tool that I can use in my career planning. Via the mentor program I have also extended my network and I value the peer-group meetings we had where we could talk about our challenges as young leaders, share experiences, and give each other advice."

Linda Corneliussen, Authorized Public Accountant, PricewaterhouseCoopers,
Mentee, Stockholm 2010

“It is incredibly rewarding to feel that one is helpful to someone else in developing their career. I have been part of mentoring efforts in the past that lose steam after a few months. Instead, the design of this program made the sessions get increasingly meaningful as people got to know each other better.”

Cathinka Wahlström, Managing Partner, Accenture
Mentor, New York 2007

“It has been a great opportunity to reflect over my own career and future development. The program also gives an opportunity to learn how other successful women are managing their careers, family, and business opportunities.”

Anita Karlsson-Dion, Vice President, Finance and Operations, IBM
Mentor, New York 2007, 2008, 2009 & 2010

“The mentor program has been a great experience for me. The insight I have gained during the seminars, together with the talented women I have met, make me feel more excited about my future career and all the possibilities that lie ahead. I am particularly proud of the extensive network of people I can now use going forward. It has been rewarding to have a mentor that has given me help and advice on my current job but also on long term career objectives. It has helped me to mature professionally during this year.”

Malin Mörner, Underwriter Professional Lines, XL Insurance Company Ltd.,
Mentee, Stockholm 2010

“The surprising thing about being a mentor is that you don’t expect that you, too, will learn and grow from the experience. The SACC New York Program has assembled an impressive group of women whose success never fails to inspire me. The mentors are examples that, still, it’s possible to succeed – and more, that it is possible to succeed on a global, multi-national scale.”

Cole Ruth, Communications and Brand Manager, Skanska USA
Mentee, New York 2007 & Mentor, New York 2008

“I think the program is really rewarding. I have now been in the SACC New York Mentor Program for three years which means I have met three great, capable, interesting, and ambitious women. All of them have had challenges, but of completely different kinds, and it is so obvious what strengths they have and shall use. The meetings with them have given me a lot to think about and to reflect on my own experiences and my own life. Apart from those more intimate meetings, it has been great to meet all the other mentors and mentees in the different gatherings we have had during the years.”

Cecilia Versteegh, Senior Vice President, Bonver
Mentor, Stockholm 2007, 2008 & 2009

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