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WOMEN OF INFLUENCE:  
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FROM NAVIGATING THE VARIOUS CHALLENGES OF THE LAST FEW YEARS TO OVERCOMING THE FISCAL REPERCUSSIONS of devastating wildfires and international unrest while charting a course for responsible data protection in the age of A.I., leadership of the banking and financial services sector has faced some key challenges recently.

With 2025 well underway, finance professionals are more essential than ever. There are some particularly stellar trusted advisors in the LA region – who happen to be women – and we’ve alphabetically listed some of the very best of them here, along with key information about their careers and relevant successes they’ve achieved.

These are the women we chose to recognize for exceptional leadership, knowledge, skill and achievements in banking across the full spectrum of financial responsibility along with the highest professional and ethical standards, and for contributions to the Los Angeles business community at large.

*Methodology: The professionals featured in these pages did not pay to be included. Their profiles were drawn from nomination materials submitted to the Los Angeles Business Journal. Those selected for inclusion were reviewed by the editorial department. The professionals were chosen based on a demonstration of impact made on the profession and on the Los Angeles community.*

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