

# Sampath Bank Wonder Women Initiative



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Sampath Bank hosted the “Wonder Women Initiative, an open forum of discussion on the significance of celebrating women’s achievements and addressing leadership roles and prejudice that exists in today’s society for women leaders, Pursuing the

Objectives of the International Women's Day 2022, to establish a society free of gender prejudice, the forum celebrated the accomplishments of women leaders in different industries, sharing their personal experiences on venturing success in their corporate journey.

Nanda Fernando, Managing Director of Sampath Bank, said: "This Women's Day, Sampath Bank is embarking an initiative that focuses on women who exemplify balance and achievement in their dual role with family and corporate. "Wonder Woman Initiative", the fireside discussion showcased highly influential female leaders and inspired the next generation of female leaders. Sampath Bank believes in inspiring the younger generation by exposing the success stories and the dual roles of the wonderful women leaders in the panel. They shared their careers thus far and the necessity of celebrating women's achievements while raising awareness on how to tackle them in their day-to-day lives. Also, we believe this must be a continuous effort to appreciate the women leaders' dual role that is most often under-appreciated."

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Celebrating International Women's Day, these outstanding women leaders of different caliber lead the conversation at the Wonder Women initiative forum, which was moderated by Ashinshani Weerasinghe, a leadership coach, and freelance journalist.