WELCOME TO THE FIRST EDITION OF OUR NEW ANNUAL SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT HONORING LA’S MOST INFLUENTIAL WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN. According to labor force statistics, the share of women in the construction industry is currently only at nine percent, so the women who make their way to become standouts in that industry are truly pioneers. There’s obviously a way to go for representation in building game, but the needle is moving. Female construction employment actually picked up to around 970,000 in 2017 nationally.

Of course, Los Angeles is truly a national leader when it comes to influential women – and the fields of construction and design are no exception. There are some particularly stellar construction professionals in the LA region who happen to be women and we’ve alphabetically listed some of the best of them here, hand-selected by the Los Angeles Business Journal’s Publisher and CEO, Anna Magasanyan, along with some basic information about their careers.

Congratulations to the extraordinary, trailblazing women who made this list and thank you for your contributions to the Los Angeles economy … and skyline!
LISA SACHS
Managing Principal
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For over 25 years, Lisa Sachs was a key contributor to the success of two of the largest multi-billion-dollar educational construction management bond programs in California as managing principal of Cumming, an international construction management firm. Her commanding role on these programs influenced the quality of the built environment and improved the level of contract performance by both design and construction professionals based on shared lessons learned and industry best practices. Currently, Sachs serves on the Construction Management Advisory Councils for two institutions in Southern California, the New School of Architecture & Design in San Diego and Cal State University Northridge. She has also guest lectured at these institutions as well as at the University of Southern California and Woodbury University Schools of Architecture, expanding awareness of the CM profession. As an educator, mentor and lecturer she strives to bridge the gap between the architectural, engineering and construction professions by improving communications and clarifying each other’s goals and objectives to further the construction management profession.

She has authored several books on construction management including, “What is Your Construction Management EQ?” Recently she co-authored “What is Your Construction Management EQ?” And in 2019 in collaboration with the CMAA College of Fellows, expects to complete the trilogy with the release of a CM Career Guide entitled, “What is your Construction Management VQ (Value Quotient)?”

She is a graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design, a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and a Fellow of the Construction Management Association of America (CMAA), and a Certified Construction Manager (CCM). She is a past president of the CMAA Southern California Chapter and Chapter Foundation, and in 2014 was appointed by CMAA as its first ABET (Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology) commissioner representing construction management in the applied and natural sciences.

Congratulations to Nataline Lomedico,
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Kasie Bowden
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Congratulations to one of our own, KASIE BOWDEN, on being named one of the Most Outstanding Women in Construction!