# with WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

**Research shows:** 

# TRAILBLAZING LEADERSHIP

Globally, more women Having a higher proportion of are filling senior roles women in executive positions in businesses: increases a company's: onior vice pre Operating margins



# **RISING TO THE OCCASION**

### **Diversity** improves performance and innovation

35%

89%

of SA companies offer leadership programmes due to benefits of diversity in leadership.

higher return on equity is achieved by organisations with top female leaders.

34%

better return to shareholders seen in businesses with senior female managers.

## **EXPANDING HORIZONS**

Though senior executives have the power to influence organisational change from the top down, women still face challenges at leadership level.

Top 6 challenges for women in senior positions:



Leadership programmes can be valuable development mechanisms for women in executive positions.

The Executive Women in Leadership programme at the UCT Graduate School of Business is geared to help women in leadership roles to use their full potential, and to realise opportunities for their organisations.

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