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Twenty Trailblazing Women

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Private Equity News is pleased to present its fourth annual list of Twenty Trailblazing Women, recognising senior women in private equity who are making their mark in leadership roles and helping to forge a path for the next generation of female talent.

Irina Hemmers

Partner

Thoma Bravo

Thoma Bravo closed its first dedicated European fund in February, raising €1.8bn in commitments. Irina Hemmers, who is leading the firm's growth in the region, played a key role in the fundraising.

She joined Thoma Bravo from Inflexion in 2023 to lead and expand the firm's new London office. Since then, the European team has made four investments, including the €400m take-private of EQS group. In October 2024, Hemmers and the team closed the group's second investment in the DACH region within a year, acquiring a majority stake in USU Product Business.

Overall, Thoma Bravo has invested \$14bn across Europe in the past 14 years through 16 transactions.

With an MPA from the Harvard Kennedy School and an MA in International Economics



and Business Studies from Leopold Franzens University in Innsbruck, Austria, Hemmers started her career as a consultant at McKinsey & Company. She moved into private equity with a role in the TMT team at Apax Partners.

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