



Press release

Rania Labaki appointed Director of the EDHEC Family Business Centre

Paris, 12 December 2016 - **EDHEC Business School announces the appointment of Rania Labaki as Director of the EDHEC Family Business Centre.**

Dr Labaki, 39, holds a Ph.D in Management Sciences from the University of Bordeaux in France. **Prior to joining EDHEC at the beginning of 2016 as the Academic Director of the EDHEC Family Business Global Executive MBA**, Rania was Associate Professor of Management and Director of the Finance and Wealth Management Master Programme at the University of Bordeaux.

Currently an Associate Professor at EDHEC Business School, Dr Labaki teaches and conducts research at the intersection of the fields of finance and family business. **Her recent interests revolve around the role of family emotions in entrepreneurial and financial decision-making.** Her research has been published in numerous scientific journals (Family Business Review, Case Research Journal, Entrepreneurship Research Journal, etc.). She is also an academic expert of the Family Business Network (FBN) and a Board member of the International Family Enterprise Research Academy (IFERA).

« We welcome the arrival of Rania Labaki as Director of the EDHEC Family Business Centre, said Christophe Roquilly, Dean of the Faculty and research at EDHEC Business School. « Her knowledge of family businesses and her international approach are acknowledged strengths to continue the development of the Centre, recently ranked among the 25 best Family Business Centres in the world ».

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About the EDHEC Family Business Centre

The EDHEC Family Business Centre (EFBC) was founded in 2012 with the support of prestigious families (the Mulliez Family, Mage-Invest [the Michelin Family]), renowned family businesses (BIC Group, Oddo&Cie, Roquette, Somfy, Promod, Clinitex and Sisley) and global corporations (Caisse d'Epargne Nord France Europe and Deloitte). The aim of the EFBC is to promote the long-term Family Business Entrepreneurship model by developing a holistic and differentiated value proposition that addresses both emotional and business issues faced by Family Businesses. To succeed in this mission, EFBC develops pioneering, top-tier and impactful research, education programmes meant for family businesses, as well as dedicated

events that favor networking and exchanges of best practices among family business stakeholders.

About EDHEC BUSINESS SCHOOL

- 5 campuses: Lille, Nice, Paris, London and Singapore
- 7,900 students in academic education
- 20 degree programmes: BBA, Master in Management, MScs, MBAs, PhD, etc.
- Over 30,000 alumni in 125 countries
- 156 permanent professors
- 13 research and teaching chairs
- A €121.5m budget
- €20m of R&D revenues, including €15m from international sources
- One of the first business schools worldwide to hold the triple crown of accreditations
- from AACSB, EQUIS and AMBA

Operating from campuses in Lille, Nice, Paris, London and Singapore, EDHEC is one of the world's top 20 business schools. Fully international and directly connected to the business world, EDHEC commands a strong reputation for research excellence and its ability to train entrepreneurs and managers capable of breaking new ground. EDHEC functions as a genuine laboratory of ideas and produces innovative solutions valued by businesses.

The School's research work inspires its teaching with its focus on "learning by doing" in order to build people to build business.

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