ROSE MARIE BRAVO, CBE Lifetime Achievement Award



Rose Marie Bravo was Vice Chairman of Burberry, the international luxury goods company with headquarters in London, until June 2007. From 1997 until 2006, while serving as the Chief Executive of the company, she and her team embarked on a repositioning of the brand with strategic initiatives in design, marketing, merchandising, licensing, wholesale and retail distribution.

Prior to her appointment at Burberry, Ms. Bravo was President of Saks Fifth Avenue from 1992 to 1997, with responsibility for merchandising, marketing and product development. She also served as a member of the Board of Directors of Saks Holdings Inc.

From 1974 to 1992, Ms. Bravo held positions of increasing responsibility at R.H.Macy and Co; culminating with her 1987 to 1992 tenure as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the I. Magnin speciality division. She began her retailing career at Abraham & Strauss in 1971.

In recognition of her services promoting British fashion, Rose Marie Bravo was named a Commander of the British Empire (CBE) by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in June 2006. Additionally, The Council of Fashion Designers of America, The National Italian American Foundation, March of Dimes, City of Hope, Fordham University and Phoenix House have honoured Ms. Bravo for excellence in fashion and retailing. She serves on the boards of Tiffany & Co. and The Estee Lauder Companies.