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## What Dynamic Women Are Saying about Their Own Stiletto Networks

“We always conceived of it as climbing a corporate ladder, but it’s more like building a human pyramid, each layer of women supporting the next...If you don’t treat everything as a competition, you get so much more than you lose. We’re finally realizing it’s much easier to do this together than apart.”

—**Abigail Disney**, documentary filmmaker and philanthropist

“A lot of us woke up one day realizing we were now in a position to help others. Early in our careers, we just focused on working really hard, but then we poked our heads up and said, ‘Hey, we’ve actually achieved something here.’ Now we can influence others and make a difference.”

—**Mallun Yen**, Executive VP of Corporate Development at RPX Corporation, global provider of patent risk solutions and one of the fastest-growing startups in history

“Each time, new information comes out or something special opens up. It’s never the same thing. Being with these women, reaching out to others, we all end up talking about our personal stories and life journeys. It’s pure magic and we’re moved out of our universe for a couple of hours.”

—**Kim Moses**, Executive Producer of *The Ghost Whisperer* and *Reckless*, among numerous programs for television and the Internet

“We’re living in this exciting time where we can feel innovation all around us. It’s fun to have drinks and talk girl stuff, and it’s also impressive that there are so many women launching high-growth businesses.”

—**Alexa von Tobel**, founder and CEO of LearnVest.com, an independent personal finance website for women

“It’s about the energy of networks. I don’t believe women need lifelong mentoring, like a crutch. They need a jolt every so often, a spark where someone believes in them, energizes them to better themselves or think differently. With really bright people, you just do one thing and they take off...Women need a little extra connection.”

—**Geraldine Laybourne**, Nickelodeon executive and founder of Oxygen Media, the first female-owned and operated cable network

“It’s our golf course—these strong, vibrant, powerful circles. And we’ve hit the big time.”

—**Melanie Sabelhaus**, entrepreneur, executive, former Deputy Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration, and Vice Chairman, the American Red Cross

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