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George Serafeim is a Professor of Business Administration at Harvard Business School. He has taught courses in the MBA, executive education and doctoral programs, and is currently teaching the elective course "Reimagining Capitalism: Business and Big Problems" in the MBA curriculum, which received the Ideas Worth Teaching Award from the Aspen Institute and the Grand Page Prize. He has presented his research in over 60 countries around the world and ranks among the top 20 most popular authors out of over 12,000 business authors on the Social Science Research Network. Professor Serafeim's research focuses on measuring, driving and communicating corporate performance and social impact. His work is widely cited and has been published in the most prestigious academic and practitioner journals, such as The Accounting Review, Strategic Management Journal, Journal of Accounting and Economics, Journal of Finance, Organization Science, Journal of Accounting Research, Management Science, and Harvard Business Review. His research is regularly cited in the media, including The New York Times, Bloomberg, Financial Times, The Wall Street Journal, Economist, The Guardian, BBC, Le Monde, El País, Corriere della Sera, Washington Post, and NPR. He has received multiple awards and recognitions for his research on corporate sustainability and sustainable investing, and the Pericles Leadership Award. Professor Serafeim has served in several not-for-profit organizations including the board of directors of the High Meadows Institute, the working group of the Coalition for Inclusive Capitalism, and the Standards Council of the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board. He has expertise in professional services firms as the co-founder of KKS Advisors, focusing on integrating material sustainability issues in business strategy and investment decisions. He serves on the steering committee of the Athens Stock Exchange and as the Chairman of Greece's Corporate Governance Council. Moreover, he has extensive experience in the investment management industry serving on the advisory board of investment firms that focus on environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues as catalysts for value creation. He was appointed on the first ever decarbonization advisory panel by the New York State Governor and Comptroller to protect the state's pension fund from climate change risks and identify sustainable opportunities. He has been recognized by Barron's as "one of the most influential people in ESG investing." Professor Serafeim earned his doctorate in business administration at Harvard Business School, where his dissertation was recognized with the Wyss Award for excellence in doctoral research. He received a master's degree in accounting and finance from the London School of Economics and Political Science, where he was awarded the Emeritus Professors' Prize for best academic performance. He grew up in Athens, Greece.