

Grace Vandecruze Bio

Selected as one of the top "Directors to Watch" by Directors & Boards magazine, Grace Vandecruze is a best selling author, thought leader, keynote speaker, and M&A expert. Her career expands over several industries with a background in investment banking, including insurance, banking, real estate, healthcare, and technology. Grace is a trailblazer as the CFO of the first women-led SPAC trading on the New York Stock Exchange, Athena Technology Acquisition Corp, and has earned her seat at the C-Suite table. She is also the Founder and Managing Director of Grace Global Capital, a consulting firm providing M&A, restructuring, and valuation to companies, boards, and financial regulators since 2006. Throughout her career, Grace has delivered advisory expertise on over \$25 billion of transactions. She earned an MBA in Finance from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and a BBA in Accounting from Pace University. Grace serves on the board of directors for The Doctors Company, Link Logistics REIT, and Resolution Holdings. In addition, she is a mountain climber, having submitted over 25 mountain peaks on three continents. Building on her passion for financial empowerment and her inspirational story, Grace has authored the book "*Homeless to Millionaire, 6 Keys to UPLIFT your Financial Abundance*." Her mission is to transform the financial climate of women, unleash their economic power, and build sustainable wealth platforms.