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**TEMPO MILWAUKEE SELECTS ST. LOUIS
FOR FIRST EXPANSION BEYOND WISCONSIN**

*Milwaukee-founded organization enters next chapter of growth after more than
50 years of advancing women leaders*

MILWAUKEE, WI (September 1, 2026) – After more than five decades of building Wisconsin’s most influential network for women leaders, TEMPO Milwaukee today announced its first geographic expansion beyond Wisconsin with the launch of **TEMPO St. Louis**.

The milestone represents an important next chapter for the Milwaukee-founded organization and the culmination of years of strategic planning, market research and due diligence. It also marks the first time TEMPO will take the model, expertise and member experience it has built in Milwaukee and extend it to another region.

“This is an important moment in TEMPO’s history and a reflection of the strength of what has been built here in Milwaukee,” said Jennifer Dirks, TEMPO President & CEO. “For more than 50 years, TEMPO has created meaningful relationships, authentic connection and access to an incredible community of women leaders. Expanding to St. Louis allows us to extend that impact while creating new opportunities and greater value for our Milwaukee members.”

TEMPO St. Louis launches with 40 founding executive women representing 31 organizations across a range of industries and sectors. The chapter will operate as a part of the broader TEMPO organization, benefitting from TEMPO’s established structure, leadership, programming, member model and more than five decades of experience developing communities of women leaders.

St. Louis emerged as a strong fit based on demand for an executive-level women's network, existing connections between Milwaukee and St. Louis business leaders, similar market characteristics and enthusiastic local champions. The organization views the expansion as a natural evolution of TEMPO’s mission and strategic priority of expanding impact and influence.

“The Board has approached this opportunity with both excitement and a strong sense of responsibility for TEMPO’s long-term future,” said Ana Simpson, TEMPO Board Chair. “This expansion reflects years of thoughtful strategy, due diligence and careful consideration of how TEMPO can extend its impact while protecting the strength of the organization and the member experience we have built in Milwaukee. We believe St. Louis represents the right opportunity at the right time – one that advances TEMPO’s mission, strengthens our organization and positions TEMPO for continued impact for generations to come.”



Creating greater value for Milwaukee members

For Milwaukee members, the expansion will create opportunities for broader business connections, mentoring and peer-to-peer learning, as well as access to virtual programming and selected events across both markets. Members will also have opportunities to connect with TEMPO leaders when traveling to or doing business in St. Louis.

The organization expects the expansion to strengthen TEMPO's visibility and influence throughout the Midwest while creating opportunities to attract additional high-profile speakers, sponsors and thought leaders. Expansion also allows TEMPO to leverage existing operational infrastructure and expertise across a larger membership network.

“Our goal is not growth for growth’s sake,” Dirks said. “It is to thoughtfully extend what TEMPO does exceptionally well and, in doing so, make the experience even stronger for the women who are already part of this organization. A broader TEMPO community means greater access to relationships, expertise, ideas and opportunity – without losing the sense of connection that makes TEMPO special.”

TEMPO is currently focused on successfully launching and establishing its St. Louis chapter. Any future expansion opportunities will be evaluated based on strategic fit, organizational readiness, market demand and TEMPO's ability to preserve the quality of the member experience.

About TEMPO

TEMPO is a network of more than 500 executive women and nearly 300 emerging women leaders who have spoken up, risen above and defied conventions to succeed. For more than 50 years, TEMPO has served its diverse membership of executive, senior, and C-level leaders through educational programming and professional development, networking opportunities, relationship building, and mentoring, with the goal of empowering women to achieve and sustain leadership roles. TEMPO's Emerging Women Leaders group represents the future generation of its organization.

Founded in Milwaukee, TEMPO is now expanding its reach for the first time beyond Wisconsin, creating a stronger network of women leaders while preserving the trusted relationships and high-quality member experience that have defined the organization since its founding.

For more information on TEMPO visit www.tempowomen.org.