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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**TEMPO Milwaukee Introduces Program for Next Generation of Women Leaders**

*First class of "EMERGE" participants announced*

**MILWAUKEE—(December 9, 2015)**—TEMPO Milwaukee, a professional women's organization, has launched EMERGE, a new program for rising women leaders.

"We recognize that leadership begins early in one's career. Through EMERGE, our goal is to nurture and elevate that next generation of women leaders who already are well on their way to the C-suite and executive ranks," said Jennifer Dirks, President and CEO of TEMPO Milwaukee. "There are no better mentors than TEMPO Milwaukee's members to support a growing pool of emerging women leaders."

Earlier this year, [TEMPO Milwaukee](http://www.tempomilwaukee.org) solicited nominations from its 300+ members for potential EMERGE participants – female mid-career professionals identified as leaders within their organizations who also are active in the community. Forty women representing 34 Milwaukee companies were selected. These women leaders were accepted into the two-year program, which will include professional development and networking opportunities through TEMPO Milwaukee.

"We are extremely pleased to welcome this accomplished, diverse group of women who comprise the inaugural EMERGE class," said Marilyn Krause, a Director at The Lowe Group and chair of the TEMPO Milwaukee EMERGE sub-committee. "We look forward to extending our mission to another generation of women leaders who will take their place in the Milwaukee business community and beyond."

To view the names and companies of the first class of EMERGE participants, visit [www.tempomilwaukee.org/EMERGE](http://www.tempomilwaukee.org/EMERGE).

**About TEMPO Milwaukee**

TEMPO Milwaukee's membership is comprised of approximately 300 women who hold CEO, executive and leadership positions throughout the Milwaukee area. Its mission is to further the impact of women leaders in our community. TEMPO Milwaukee serves its diverse membership and community through educational programming, networking opportunities, relationship building, and mentoring, with the goal of empowering women to achieve and sustain leadership roles.