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## Financial services leads Candere Hurun India Women Leaders List – 23 women honoured

Financial Services has emerged as the most represented sector in the 2025 Candere Hurun India Women Leaders List with 23 women leaders.

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Financial Services has emerged as the most represented sector in the Candere Hurun List. (Representational image: Freepik)

### Financial sector powerhouses driving Rs 7.9 lakh crore in value

The dominance of financial services on the list underscores a powerful trend: women are not just participating in [finance](#) — they're leading it.

Top executives in the list from the financial services sector included Shanti Ekambaram, Deputy Managing Director of [Kotak Mahindra Bank](#); Parminder Chopra, Chairperson & Managing Director, [Power Finance Corp](#); Vibha Padalkar, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, [HDFC Life Insurance](#). Others in the segment are A. Manimekhalai, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, [Union Bank of India](#); and Vishakha Mulye, Chief Executive Officer, [Aditya Birla Capital](#).

Collectively, the five financial services leaders in the professionals category oversee businesses worth over Rs 7.9 lakh crore in [banking](#), insurance, and lending.