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**PRESS RELEASE**

## Sunil Bharti Mittal and Carlos Moedas awarded Doctors Honoris Causa by ESCP Europe

ESCP Europe awards the degree of Doctor Honoris Causa to two outstanding personalities for their constant and outstanding contributions to the business world, on the occasion of the 2018 graduation ceremony of the Master in Management programme.



Sunil Bharti Mittal is a visionary entrepreneur and philanthropist. He is the Founder and Chairman of Bharti Enterprises, one of India's leading conglomerates with diversified interests in telecom, insurance, real estate, agri and food, besides other ventures. Bharti has joint ventures with several global leaders: Singtel, SoftBank, AXA, Del Monte amongst others.

In 2007, he was awarded the Padma Bhushan, one of India's highest civilian honours. In 2016, he was elected President of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). Sunil Bharti Mittal is closely associated with spearheading the Indian industry's global trade, collaboration and policy - he has served on the Prime Minister of India's Council on Trade & Industry.

Its action in the field of education is significant. He is on Harvard University's Global Advisory Council, Board of Dean's Advisors at HBS and Governing Board of the Indian School of Business. It has also established the Bharti Foundation, which operates 254 Satya Bharti Schools as well as supports over 600 Government schools under Quality Support Program to ensure holistic education for over 2,50,000 under-privileged children in rural India.



Carlos Moedas is a civil engineer, economist and politician. Graduated in Civil Engineering from the Higher Technical Institute (IST) in 1993 and completed the final year of studies at the École Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées in Paris (France). He worked in engineering for the Suez-Lyonnaise des Eaux group in France until 1998, He obtained an MBA from Harvard Business School (USA) in 2000, after which he returned to Europe to work in mergers and acquisitions at investment bank Goldman Sachs in London (UK). In 2004, he returned to his native Portugal as Managing Director of Aguirre Newman. In 2008, he founded his own investment company, Crimson Investment Management. In 2011, he's elected for the National Parliament and was called for the government to Secretary of State to the Prime Minister of Portugal in charge of the Portuguese Adjustment Programme. In 2014, he became Member of the European Commission, as Commissioner in charge of Research, Science and Innovation.



"We are proud to pay tribute, in front of our Master of Management graduates, to two admirable men who have worked and continue to work for education, knowledge and business in their respective countries and far beyond» says Frank Bournois, Dean of ESCP Europe.

### **Recipients of Doctor Honoris Causa Degrees from ESCP Europe**

In 2017, have been distinguished for their constant and clear action in favour of European integration:

- Nicole Fontaine†, former Minister Delegate for Industry. She was Member of the European Parliament and President of the European Parliament
- Francesco Profumo, former Italian Minister of Education and President of the National Research Council and University Professor.
- Hans-Gert Pöttering, Member of the European Parliament from 1979 to 2014. He was President of the European Parliament and he is President of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation.
- Ezra Suleiman, Director of the European Politics and Society Programme at Princeton University and Chairman of the Scientific Council of the Axa Research Fund.
- Sir Paul Curran is President of City, University of London. He is a former NASA research scientist and advisor to the European Space Agency.
- Andrzej K. Koźmiński is the founder and President of Kozminski University. He also serves as the chairman of supervisory board of Telekomunikacja Polska.
- Íñigo Méndez de Vigo, Spanish politician and the former Minister of Education, Culture and Sport in the Spanish Government and also its Spokesperson. He was Member of the European Parliament
- Gerard van Schaik, Honorary President of European Foundation for Management Development (EFMD). He was Chairman of Heineken N.V. Amsterdam.

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