



**No. 1 role model?** "From a career perspective, I wouldn't be able to choose just one. I have learned from and admired so many impressive people in the fashion industry whom I have been lucky to also call friends, from Jenna Lyons to Christian Lacroix and Jason Wu to my business partner Masoud Golsorkhi, among others."



**Sasibai Kimis** W00

**Age:** 36  
Founder of Earth Heir, a luxury craftsmanship brand from Malaysia with an ecological and social mission.

**Why so successful?** "Trusting God, and pursuing one's passions with an unwavering desire to leave a positive impact."

**No. 1 role model?** "My father. Born to illiterate immigrants, he raised up our family and educated many. His perseverance and diligence inspires me."



**Sumeet Jain** WG05

**Age:** 38  
Director of Investment at Intel Capital.

**No. 1 role model?** Warren Buffett: "He zags when others zig. He sees through hype. And despite his success is incredibly humble."

**Where do you see yourself at 50?** "Continuing to do what I love: mixing technology and finance and working with the best and brightest technology entrepreneurs."

**Eric Kacou** WG04

**Age:** 38  
Co-Founder of ESPartners "entrepreneurs investing in entrepreneurs" in Africa and the Caribbean; led the Rwanda National Innovation and Competitiveness Program; former Mason Fellow at Harvard's Kennedy School.

**Why so successful?** "Fostering entrepreneurship is a vocation and passion.



Fortunately, my team at ESPartners shares the same passion and vision."  
**Favorite professional moment in the past year?** Launching the Archimedes & Entrepreneur A&E platform for young entrepreneurs in Cote d'Ivoire.



**Steve Markowitz** W10

**Age:** 26  
The independent musician known as Hoodie Allen.

**Favorite professional moment in the past year?** "Having my album debut at No. 8 on the *Billboard* 200 albums chart."

**Why so successful?** "Relentless dedication and passion to doing the thing I love most in the world and serving the people who support my career."



**Joyce Meng** C08 W08

**Age:** 28  
Rhodes Scholar; *Forbes* 30 Under 30; Co-Founder and CEO of Givology; Co-Founding Member and Senior Research Analyst at Vernier Capital.

**Why so successful?** "Hard work with purpose, not giving up and not compromising the original vision for what is 'comfortable' or 'easily reachable.' Even if you don't know something today, you can learn it. So many studies have empirically shown that self-discipline trumps intelligence, IQ and talent in predicting success."

**Favorite professional moment in the past year?** "Watching Givology continue to grow while maintaining our 100 percent volunteer-driven model to crowdsource small dollars and hours for impact. I'm constantly inspired by our Givologists around the world—with 200 volunteers, 19 chapters, 50 grassroots partners in 28 different countries, and 13,800 donors, it's so rewarding to hear how each community is doing its part to increase access to quality education."

**Aditya Mittal** W96

**Age:** 39

