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A distinguished former FBI Executive and the first U.S. Mission Geneva-sponsored Executive in Residence at the [Geneva Centre for Security Policy](#), Lauren has unique national security, geopolitical, intelligence, and crisis and risk management expertise, cross-pollinated with depth in international women's issues, including working with women in areas of conflict. She has worked on six continents with governments, international organizations, NGOs, academic institutions, corporations, small businesses, and civil society, and she has provided programming and keynote speeches in countries as diverse as Qatar, Switzerland, France, Australia, Turkey, Argentina, India, Nepal, Pakistan, and Egypt.

Lauren is an Independent Director and the Audit Committee Chair for [ShoulderUp Technology Acquisition Corp.](#), a SPAC seeking to combine with a technology company, and a former Director with [Imageware](#), where the Board saw the company through the merger and acquisition process with [Tech 5](#). She is an advisor to the U.S. Comptroller General at the [Government Accountability Office](#) on international security, intelligence, criminal justice, law enforcement, and women's leadership; an advisor for [Stellar Solutions](#) Defense Support and Cyber Sector; and a subject matter expert, advisor, and special skilled role player for the U.S. Army in warfighter exercises. She is a member of the [Council on Foreign Relations](#), a Global Ambassador with [Vital Voices](#), and a member of the Board of Trustees of [Muhlenberg College](#), where she serves on the Audit/Risk/Compliance Committee. In 2019, [LIM College](#) awarded Lauren an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters and a Distinguished Achievement Award in recognition of her contributions to global gender equality, at Lincoln Center in NYC. She was previously a recipient of [Legal Momentum's](#) Public Service Award, dedicated to advancing the rights of women and girls by using the power of the law and creating innovative public policy, and Muhlenberg College's Alumni Achievement Award.

During an FBI career which encompassed many "firsts", including being one of the first women on an FBI SWAT team, Lauren led FBI Legal Attaché offices in Europe, Africa, and the Middle East, and spearheaded the FBI's participation in the US Government/African Union Trans-Sahel Counterterrorism Initiative in Africa. She led the FBI's New York Counterterrorism Division/Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) and its Intelligence Division as the interim Special Agent in Charge. Lauren and her teams received numerous awards and commendations, including from the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the U.S. Attorney General, the Director of the National Security Agency, the Director of the FBI, the Respect for Law Alliance, and the Federal Executive Board.

Lauren serves on several international non-profit boards, including as Chair of the [Red Dot Foundation](#), a technology company based in India, which was one of the first to crowd source and crowd map sexual harassment and sexual violence in public spaces in India, and she is on the Board of Advisors for [Smart City Expo USA](#). Lauren is an expert with the [Women's Media Center](#), has judged the XPRIZE Foundation's [Women's Safety XPRIZE](#), the [Stevie Awards for Women in Business](#), and is in her fifth year judging the Geneva Centre for Security Policy's [Prize for Innovation in Global Security](#).

Lauren is a member of the [Women's Foreign Policy Group](#), the [Association of Former Intelligence Officers](#), the [International Women's Forum](#), the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI, [Women in the Boardroom](#), [Women Corporate Directors](#) (WCD), and the Women's Forum of New York. She is a mentor with [Girl Security](#) and the [Women's Foreign Policy Group](#). She has a degree in Psychology from Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA, and completed executive programs at Harvard Business School, Cambridge Judge Business School, Northwestern University's Kellogg School, and the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies. She speaks English and French and resides in the NYC area.