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Dhun Davar joined UBS in 2017 as Program Director, Education and Early Childhood Development. Since 2020, she leads the Optimus Foundation's work in social finance across the thematic areas of education, health, climate and environment and a range of innovative finance products and field-building initiatives. She also leads Social Impact and Philanthropy in the Middle East Africa and India for UBS.

During her time at UBS, Dhun has made significant contributions in social finance, collective philanthropy, and growing the Optimus foundation network. She has spearheaded the world's largest development impact bonds in education and health, led on investment pipeline for the first global blended finance fund for outcomes contracts, been instrumental in building the social investments portfolio and investment team at Optimus and UBS' first philanthropic collectives. She has also driven a first-of-its' kind collaborative model at UBS bringing together strategic grant-making, client services and corporate philanthropy in India, a model that has been replicated globally across the firm.

Prior to joining UBS, Dhun was CEO at Apnalaya, COO at Hand in Hand Switzerland and also worked for GuideStar India, Voluntary Services Overseas and GiveIndia on strategy & planning, program management and impact measurement.



She has one son, loves nature, wildlife, camping, music and dance. Dhun believes that a life of purpose is the purpose of life and applies both head and heart to all that she does for people and planet.