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**FOR:** The Financial Women's Association (FWA)

**New York Metro Area 100 Largest Public Company Boards Slow To Embrace Diversity**  
**Reports Current Financial Women's Association FWA 100™ Study**

**Number of Women Directors Slightly Higher than Last Year;  
22 of the 100 Companies Have Three or More Female Directors, Nine Have None**

***Director Age and Tenure Statistics Reported For First Time***

**New York, NY...** New York Metropolitan Area 100 largest public companies' boards show barely a 1% increase in the number of women directors to 17.6% or 194 seats out of 1101, versus 16.6% or 182 seats out of 1096, reported a year ago. So reveals the second annual Financial Women's Association FWA 100™ study of diversity in the region's public company board rooms and executive suites. The study also looked into director age and tenure. The data are from annual reports for the year ended December 31, 2007 and proxy statements filed with the SEC in 2007, as well as various current reports. The just released FWA 100™ report shows nine companies without any women directors compared to 12 without women directors noted in the prior report. Last year 21 of the companies had three or more women directors while the current report shows 22 companies with three or more women directors. Industries with the most women directors are retail/restaurant and utilities; financial services and holding companies have the least number of women directors, the study finds.

Among top compensated executives in the companies today, 10.3% are women, compared to findings a year ago of 9.7%. "Yes, progress is being made, but by centimeters, not inches, and still painfully slow given the number of women in the U.S. population, our much touted purchasing power, control of wealth, influence on the economy, society and politics, and the wide range of corporate efforts to attract, advance and retain female executives," said Kristin McDonough, president of the Financial Women's Association. "This miniscule upward movement frustrates and disappoints board-ready women, their supporters, advocacy groups, enlightened corporate leaders and many others," she added.

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The New York Metropolitan Area 2007 Women Directors and Executives Study (The FWA 100™) is sponsored by the Directorship and Corporate Governance Committee of the Financial Women's Association, a leading professional organization for high-achieving women and men, primarily in financial industries. The study was conducted and reported by Dr. Susan McTiernan, Visiting Associate Professor of Management at the University of New Haven, with Nicole Sandford, a partner in the Deloitte LLP Center for Corporate Governance, and Lucille Corrier, of The Townsend Consulting Group, and Prudential Douglas Elliman, all members of the FWA Directorship and Corporate Governance Committee. The Corporate Library assisted in the research for the current study.

The FWA100™ group of companies studied is drawn primarily from the list of "top companies" generated annually by *Crain's New York Business*, and covers public companies headquartered in the greater metropolitan New York area, including Nassau and Suffolk Counties, Fairfield County, Connecticut, and parts of northern New Jersey. Of the FWA100™ companies, 70 are in the Fortune 500 and 30 are in the Fortune 501-1000.

Similar studies are conducted annually in various regions around the country by eleven other professional women's organizations, to demonstrate the rate of progress - or lack thereof - women have made in achieving seats on local corporate boards and in executive suites, and to provide guidance to publicly traded companies concerning the dearth of women on boards. These and the FWA study are included in an annual census reported by ION (The InterOrganization Network) and can be found on their website <http://www.ionwomen.org>.

### **KEY FINDINGS**

Other key findings of The FWA 100™ 2007 study, which for the first time looked at both age and tenure of directors, include:

- 1) In the sample, the average age of women directors is 58.1 years, while the average age of male directors is 61.3. However, while there are 139 male directors over the age of 70, there are only four women. Nineteen of the companies report that they have 25% or more directors 70 years old or older, and five of those companies say half or more of their directors are septuagenarians. These statistics are being reported in The FWA 100™ study for the first time so there is no comparison for last year.
- 2) Of the FWA100™, 16 companies report that 25% or more of their directors joined their boards prior to 1992, and three of the companies note that more than half of their directors joined prior to 1992.

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While 103 men joined the boards on which they sit prior to 1992, seven women directors came aboard earlier than 1992.

3) Of the FWA100™, six companies have women CEOs, 26 have no women executive officers, and within the 100 companies there are 145 women executive officers out of a total of 1047 executive officers.

4) Fifty-eight of the FWA100™ have no women among their top compensated executives. Of the 546 top compensated officers in the 100 companies, 56 are women.

5) Industries with at least 20% women directors are retail/food service (25.5%), utility (22.6%), technology (21.1%), technology (20%). On the opposite end the study shows financial services (14.0%), healthcare (14.8%), and holding companies (11.3%).

Below is the list of the FWA100™ companies in the current study and breakdowns on women directors, women in executive positions, age and tenure statistics, and the numbers of women in the boardroom by industry.

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### THE FINANCIAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION [www.fwa.org](http://www.fwa.org)

The Financial Women's Association (FWA) is a 53-year-old non-profit professional organization for high-achieving women and men whose goal is to advance professionalism in finance and related fields, with special emphasis on the role of women and the development of future leaders. High achieving professionals from every sector of the financial world meet in more than 100 FWA-sponsored public forums each year to examine important contemporary issues in business, finance, governmental policy and civic affairs. Members attend international conferences and regular briefings with government officials and industry leaders. The FWA Directorships and Corporate Governance Committee, the sponsor of the annual FWA 100™ study, pursues opportunities for qualified members to join public company boards, and provides members and guests updates on governance issues affecting public companies. The FWA is active in the community, providing 20+ years of scholarships and mentoring programs, internships, and community service activities. The organization enjoys the financial support of major companies in the region, participation of industry leaders and executives and top firms looking to develop talent, retain key employees, and recruit high potential staff.

### ION THE INTERORGANIZATION NETWORK [www.ionwomen.org](http://www.ionwomen.org)

The InterOrganization Network (ION) consists of twelve regional executive women's organizations in the United States that advocate the advancement of women to positions of power in the business world, especially to boards of directors and in executive suites. These executive women's groups have joined together as ION to leverage their strengths, and to increase their individual and aggregate influence in order to boost the number and percentage of women who comprise the leadership of corporate America. Each member organization of ION annually tracks women directors and executive officers of public companies in its respective geographic area, and ION publishes each year a report that compares key data from the twelve regions. ION members assist one another to identify and recruit qualified board candidates for public and private companies in their regions. ION members have assisted numerous companies in identifying qualified women who meet their director requirements and, working together, provide access to a greater talent pool than many companies have yet tapped.

ION member organizations are:

CABLE, Nashville ([www.nashvillecable.org](http://www.nashvillecable.org))  
Forum of Women Executives and Entrepreneurs, San Francisco ([www.fwe.org](http://www.fwe.org))  
Inforum Center for Leadership, Detroit ([www.inforummichigan.org](http://www.inforummichigan.org))  
Milwaukee Women, Inc., Milwaukee ([www.milwaukeeewomeninc.org](http://www.milwaukeeewomeninc.org))  
Network 2000, Baltimore ([www.network2000md.org](http://www.network2000md.org))  
The Board of Directors Network, Atlanta (TIAW member) ([www.boarddirectorsnetwork.org](http://www.boarddirectorsnetwork.org))  
The Boston Club, Boston (former TIAW) ([www.TheBostonClub.com](http://www.TheBostonClub.com))  
The Central Exchange (Kansas City, MO) ([www.centralexchange.org](http://www.centralexchange.org))  
The Chicago Network, Chicago ([www.thechicagonetwork.org](http://www.thechicagonetwork.org))  
The Financial Women's Association, New York ([www.fwa.org](http://www.fwa.org))  
The Forum of Executive Women, Philadelphia (former TIAW) ([www.foew.com](http://www.foew.com))  
Women Executive Leadership, Fort Lauderdale ([www.info@womenexecutiveleadership.com](mailto:www.info@womenexecutiveleadership.com))

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### The FWA 100™ Companies:

Alcoa Inc.  
Altria Group Inc.  
American Express Co.  
American Home Mortgage<sup>1</sup>  
American International Group Inc.  
Ann Taylor Stores Corp.  
Arrow Electronics Inc.  
Asbury Automotive Group Inc.  
Assurant Inc.  
Automatic Data Processing Inc.  
Avon Products Inc.  
Bank of New York Mellon Corp.  
Barnes & Noble Inc.  
Bear Stearns<sup>2</sup>  
Becton Dickinson & Co.  
Bed Bath & Beyond Inc.  
BlackRock Inc.  
Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.  
C.R. Bard Inc.  
CA Inc.  
Cablevision Systems Corp.  
CBS Corp.  
Children's Place Retail Stores Inc.  
CIT Group Inc.  
Citigroup Inc.  
Citizens Communication<sup>3</sup>  
Coach Inc.  
Colgate-Palmolive Co.  
Consolidated Edison Inc.  
Crane Co  
Dover Corp.  
E\*Trade Financial Corp.  
Emcor  
Estée Lauder Cos.  
Foot Locker Inc.  
Forest Laboratories Inc.  
GE  
Goldman Sachs Group Inc.  
Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co.  
Henry Schein Inc.  
Hertz Global Holdings Inc.  
Hess Corp.  
IAC/InterActiveCorp  
IDT Corp.  
International Business Machines Corp.  
International Flavors & Fragrances Inc.  
Interpublic Group of Companies Inc.  
ITT Corp.  
J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.  
Jarden Corp.

Jefferies Group Inc.  
JetBlue Airways  
Jones Apparel Group Inc.  
KeySpan<sup>4</sup>  
L-3 Communications Holdings Inc.  
Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc.<sup>5</sup>  
Liz Claiborne Inc.  
Loews Corp.  
Marsh & McLennan Cos.  
MasterCard Inc.  
MBIA Inc.  
McGraw-Hill Cos.  
Medco Health Solutions Inc.  
Merrill Lynch & Co.<sup>6</sup>  
MetLife Inc.  
Moody's Corp.  
Morgan Stanley  
New York Times Co.  
NYSE Group Inc.  
Omnicom Group Inc.  
Pall Corp.  
Pepsi Bottling Group Inc.  
PepsiCo Inc.  
Pfizer Inc.  
Phillips-Van Heusen Corp.  
Pitney Bowes  
Polo Ralph Lauren Corp.  
Praxair  
Prudential Financial Inc.  
Public Service Enterprise Group Inc.  
Quest Diagnostics Inc.  
Schering-Plough Corp.  
Scholastic Corp.  
Sealed Air Corp.  
Sequa<sup>7</sup>  
Silgan Holdings  
Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide Inc.  
Systemax Inc.  
Terex  
Tiffany & Co.  
Time Warner Inc.  
Transatlantic Holdings Inc.  
United Rentals  
Verizon Communications Inc.  
Viacom Inc.  
Volt Information Sciences Inc.  
Vornado Realty Trust  
Warner Music Group Corp.  
WR Berkley  
Xerox

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<sup>1</sup> American Home Mortgage filed for bankruptcy in 2007.

<sup>2</sup> Bear Stearns was acquired by JP Morgan Chase in 2008

<sup>3</sup> DBA Frontier Communications

<sup>4</sup> KeySpan was acquired by National Grid in 2007

<sup>5</sup> Lehman Brothers filed for bankruptcy protection in 2008

<sup>6</sup> Merrill Lynch was acquired by Bank of America in 2008

<sup>7</sup> Sequa was acquired by the Carlyle Group in 2007

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### FWA 100™ Companies with 25% or More Women Directors:

Estée Lauder Cos. (41.7%)	Phillips-Van Heusen Corp. (30.0%)
Avon Products Inc. (40.0%)	Volt Information Sciences Inc. (28.6%)
Pepsi Bottling Group Inc. (40.0%)	CIT Group Inc. (27.3%)
Xerox (40.0%)	International Business Machines Corp. (27.3%)
Citizens Communication (38.5%)	International Flavors & Fragrances Inc. (27.3%)
Merrill Lynch & Co. (36.4%)	Arrow Electronics Inc. (25.0%)
Quest Diagnostics Inc. (33.3%)	GE (25.0%)
New York Times Co. (33.3%)	PepsiCo Inc. (25.0%)
Barnes & Noble Inc. (30.0%)	Ann Taylor Stores Corp. (25.0%)
Interpublic Group of Companies Inc. (30.0%)	Coach Inc. (25.0%)
KeySpan (30.0%) (Acquired by National Grid on 8/22/2007)	Jones Apparel Group Inc. (25.0%)
	Polo Ralph Lauren Corp. (25.0%)

### FWA 100™ Companies by Numbers of Directors:

\*Designates Fortune 500 company

### FWA 100™ Companies with Five Women Directors

Citizens Communication  
Estée Lauder Cos.\*  
New York Times Co.

### FWA 100™ Companies with Four Women Directors

Avon Products Inc.\*  
GE\*  
Merrill Lynch & Co.\*  
Pepsi Bottling Group Inc.\*  
Xerox\*

### FWA 100™ Companies with Three Women Directors

Arrow Electronics Inc.\*  
Barnes & Noble Inc.\*  
CIT Group Inc.\*  
International Business Machines Corp.\*  
International Flavors & Fragrances Inc.  
Interpublic Group of Companies Inc.\*  
KeySpan\*  
MetLife Inc.\*  
NYSE Group Inc.  
PepsiCo Inc.\*  
Phillips-Van Heusen Corp.  
Pitney Bowes\*  
Polo Ralph Lauren Corp.  
Quest Diagnostics Inc.\*

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### FWA 100™ Companies with Two Women Directors

Alcoa Inc.\*  
American Express Co.\*  
American International Group Inc.\*  
Ann Taylor Stores Corp.  
Asbury Automotive Group Inc.\*  
Bank of New York Mellon Corp.  
Becton Dickinson & Co.\*  
Bed Bath & Beyond Inc.\*  
Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.\*  
Cablevision Systems Corp.\*  
CBS Corp.\*  
Citigroup Inc.\*  
Coach Inc.  
Colgate-Palmolive Co.\*  
Consolidated Edison Inc.\*  
Dover Corp.\*  
E\*Trade Financial Corp.  
Foot Locker Inc.\*  
Goldman Sachs Group Inc.\*  
Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co.  
Henry Schein Inc.\*  
Hess Corp.\*  
ITT Corp.\*  
J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.\*  
JetBlue Airways  
Jones Apparel Group Inc.  
Liz Claiborne Inc.\*  
Loews Corp.\*  
Marsh & McLennan Cos.\*  
McGraw-Hill Cos.\*  
Medco Health Solutions Inc.\*  
Morgan Stanley \*  
Omnicom Group Inc.\*  
Pall Corp.  
Pfizer Inc.\*  
Praxair\*  
Prudential Financial Inc.\*  
Public Service Enterprise Group Inc.\*  
Schering-Plough Corp.\*  
Scholastic Corp.  
Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide Inc.\*  
Tiffany & Co.  
Time Warner Inc.\*  
United Rentals  
Verizon Communications Inc.\*  
Viacom Inc.\*  
Volt Information Sciences Inc.  
Warner Music Group Corp.

### FWA 100™ Companies with One Woman Director

Altria Group Inc.\*  
American Home Mortgage  
Assurant Inc.  
Automatic Data Processing Inc.  
BlackRock Inc.  
C.R. Bard Inc.  
CA Inc.  
Children's Place Retail Stores Inc.  
Crane Co.  
Forest Laboratories Inc.  
IAC/InterActiveCorp\*  
Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc.\*  
MasterCard Inc.  
MBIA Inc.  
Moody's Corp.  
Sealed Air Corp.  
Sequa  
Terex\*  
Vornado Realty Trust  
WR Berkley

### FWA 100™ Companies with No Women Directors

Bear Stearns\*  
Emcor\*  
Hertz Global Holdings Inc.\*  
IDT Corp.  
Jarden Corp.  
Jefferies Group Inc.  
L-3 Communications Holdings Inc.\*  
Silgan Holdings  
Transatlantic Holdings Inc.

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### FWA 100™ Companies by Number and Percent of Women Directors

Company	Directors	Women	Percent
Alcoa Inc.	13	2	15.4%
Altria Group Inc.	8	1	12.5%
American Express Co.	12	2	16.7%
American Home Mortgage	7	1	14.3%
American International Group Inc.	13	2	15.4%
Ann Taylor Stores Corp.	8	2	25.0%
Arrow Electronics Inc.	12	3	25.0%
Asbury Automotive Group Inc.	11	2	18.2%
Assurant Inc.	10	1	10.0%
Automatic Data Processing Inc.	12	1	8.3%
Avon Products Inc.	10	4	40.0%
Bank of New York Mellon Corp.	18	2	11.1%
Barnes & Noble Inc.	10	3	30.0%
Bear Stearns	13	0	0.0%
Becton Dickinson & Co.	14	2	14.3%
Bed Bath & Beyond Inc.	11	2	18.2%
BlackRock Inc.	17	1	5.9%
Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.	10	2	20.0%
C.R. Bard Inc.	10	1	10.0%
CA Inc.	12	1	8.3%
Cablevision Systems Corp.	15	2	13.3%
CBS Corp.	14	2	14.3%
Children's Place Retail Stores Inc.	8	1	12.5%
CIT Group Inc.	11	3	27.3%
Citigroup Inc.	14	2	14.3%
Citizens Communication	13	5	38.5%
Coach Inc.	8	2	25.0%
Colgate-Palmolive Co.	10	2	20.0%
Consolidated Edison Inc.	12	2	16.7%
Crane Co.	12	1	8.3%
Dover Corp.	12	2	16.7%
E*Trade Financial Corp.	13	2	15.4%
Emcor	8	0	0.0%
Estée Lauder Cos.	12	5	41.7%
Foot Locker Inc.	9	2	22.2%
Forest Laboratories Inc.	8	1	12.5%
GE	16	4	25.0%
Goldman Sachs Group Inc.	13	2	15.4%
Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co.	9	2	22.2%
Henry Schein Inc.	13	2	15.4%
Hertz Global Holdings Inc.	12	0	0.0%
Hess Corp.	13	2	15.4%
IAC/InterActiveCorp	13	1	7.7%
IDT Corp.	5	0	0.0%
International Business Machines Corp.	11	3	27.3%
International Flavors & Fragrances Inc.	11	3	27.3%
Interpublic Group of Companies Inc.	10	3	30.0%
ITT Corp.	9	2	22.2%
J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.	12	2	16.7%

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<b>Company</b>	<b>Directors</b>	<b>Women</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Jarden Corp.	9	0	0.0%
Jefferies Group Inc.	8	0	0.0%
JetBlue Airways	10	2	20.0%
Jones Apparel Group Inc.	8	2	25.0%
KeySpan	10	3	30.0%
L-3 Communications Holdings Inc.	9	0	0.0%
Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc.	11	1	9.1%
Liz Claiborne Inc.	10	2	20.0%
Loews Corp.	10	2	20.0%
Marsh & McLennan Cos.	12	2	16.7%
MasterCard Inc.	11	1	9.1%
MBIA Inc.	10	1	10.0%
McGraw-Hill Cos.	12	2	16.7%
Medco Health Solutions Inc.	9	2	22.2%
Merrill Lynch & Co.	11	4	36.4%
MetLife Inc.	13	3	23.1%
Moody's Corp.	8	1	12.5%
Morgan Stanley	11	2	18.2%
New York Times Co.	15	5	33.3%
NYSE Group Inc.	18	3	16.7%
Omnicom Group Inc.	11	2	18.2%
Pall Corp.	12	2	16.7%
Pepsi Bottling Group Inc.	10	4	40.0%
PepsiCo Inc.	12	3	25.0%
Pfizer Inc.	14	2	14.3%
Phillips-Van Heusen Corp.	10	3	30.0%
Pitney Bowes	14	3	21.4%
Polo Ralph Lauren Corp.	12	3	25.0%
Praxair	10	2	20.0%
Prudential Financial Inc.	13	2	15.4%
Public Service Enterprise Group Inc.	9	2	22.2%
Quest Diagnostics Inc.	9	3	33.3%
Schering-Plough Corp.	13	2	15.4%
Scholastic Corp.	11	2	18.2%
Sealed Air Corp.	9	1	11.1%
Sequa	9	1	11.1%
Silgan Holdings	7	0	0.0%
Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide Inc.	10	2	20.0%
Systemax Inc.	7	1	14.3%
Terex	11	1	9.1%
Tiffany & Co.	9	2	22.2%
Time Warner Inc.	12	2	16.7%
Transatlantic Holdings Inc.	10	0	0.0%
United Rentals	11	2	18.2%
Verizon Communications Inc.	12	2	16.7%
Viacom Inc.	11	2	18.2%
Volt Information Sciences Inc.	7	2	28.6%
Vornado Realty Trust	11	1	9.1%
Warner Music Group Corp.	13	2	15.4%
WR Berkley	10	1	10.0%
Xerox	10	4	40.0%

**Number and Percent of Women Directors in The FWA 100™ by Industry Category**

Industry	# of Companies	# Directors	# Women	% Women
Retail/Restaurant	15	145	37	25.5%
Utility	3	31	7	22.6%
Technology	6	71	15	21.1%
Telecommunications	4	45	9	20.0%
Services	8	77	15	19.5%
Life Sciences/Pharma	5	51	9	17.6%
Entertainment/Media	7	93	16	17.2%
Manufacturing/Industrial	15	157	26	16.6%
Consumer Goods	5	51	8	15.7%
Healthcare	2	27	4	14.8%
Financial Services	25	300	42	14.0%
Holding Company	5	53	6	11.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1101</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>17.6%</b>

**Research Methodology**

The methodology included the organization of the FWA 100™ company list. This originated with the list of the largest regional companies that is compiled annually by *Crain's New York Business*. *Crain's* 2007 list (which included companies in all five boroughs of New York City, Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester Counties in New York, and certain counties in New Jersey) was modified slightly to ensure full coverage of the Metropolitan New York area through the inclusion of public companies in Fairfield County, Connecticut. Companies were included in the FWA 100™ based on their annual revenues, with the largest of these being generated by General Electric. Annual revenues are regularly listed in SEC filings that are required of all of these companies by law and are available in the public domain.

Proxy statements were examined to determine the number of senior executives identified by the companies themselves and how many of these executives were women. It is important to emphasize that, in examining the senior executive ranks of our companies, we confined the analysis to only the most senior ranks of organizational leadership as designated by the companies themselves on their proxy statements. We did not look into the lower levels of employees for any of the companies studied. As was indicated in the Executive Summary and findings, we used the information that was provided by the companies, either "most highly compensated", or this list in conjunction with their "executive officer" lists.

Lists of directors were compiled through data from the companies' websites and annual reports.

A variety of analytics using SPSS<sup>1</sup> (Statistical Package for the Social Sciences) were run with our data to arrive at specific conclusions concerning directors within the organizations chosen for our study, as well as the aggregate picture for women directors within the New York region's largest companies.

In researching this report, exceptional care was given to ensure that information is as accurate as possible for the time period studied. There are footnotes where companies originally listed with *Crain's* have since been merged with or acquired by other organizations and are, therefore, no longer trading under their original ticker symbol. There are five such companies: Bear Stearns, Merrill Lynch, Key Span, Lehman Brothers and Sequa Holdings. Since historical information was available about these companies, and to remain as true as possible to the 2007 listings, they remain in our study.

Annual reports (10Ks) for the year ended December 31, 2007 and proxy statements (DEF 14As) filed with the SEC in 2007 were used in this study, as were various current reports (8Ks).

All reasonable steps have been taken to confirm each company's data and ensure accuracy. Any remaining omissions or errors are the sole responsibility of the researchers.

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<sup>1</sup> SPSS is a statistical analysis package widely used by academics and industry to perform sophisticated analyses of data.