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Anouchka Balog Named to Forbes Magazine's "Top Women Wealth Advisors Best-In-State" List

Laguna Niguel, CA – Morgan Stanley announced today that Anouchka Balog, a Managing Director, Financial Advisor in the Firm's [insert name of office] Wealth Management office, has been named to Forbes Magazine's list of Top Women Wealth Advisors Best-In-State for 2026, listed on forbes.com.

Forbes' "Top Women Wealth Advisors Best-In-State" is a select group of individuals who have a minimum of seven years of industry experience. The ranking, developed by Forbes' partner SHOOK Research, is based on an algorithm of qualitative and quantitative data, rating thousands of wealth advisors and weighing factors like revenue trends, AUM, compliance records, industry experience and best practices learned through telephone and in-person interviews.

"I am pleased that Anouchka Balog is representing Morgan Stanley," commented Lance Million, Market Manager of Morgan Stanley's Laguna Niguel office. "To be named to this list recognizes Anouchka's experience, professionalism and dedication to the needs of her valued clients."

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Source: Forbes.com (Awarded February 2026). This ranking was determined based on an evaluation process conducted by SHOOK Research LLC (the research company) in partnership with Forbes (the publisher) for the period of 6/30/24 – 6/30/25). Neither Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC nor its Financial Advisors or Private Wealth Advisors paid a fee to SHOOK Research LLC for placement on its rankings. This ranking is based on in-person, virtual and telephone due diligence meetings to evaluate each Financial Advisor qualitatively, a major component of a ranking algorithm that includes client impact, industry experience, client retention, review of best practices and compliance records, firm nominations, and quantitative criteria, including assets under management and revenue generated for their firms. Investment performance is not a criterion. Rankings are based on the opinions of SHOOK Research LLC and may not be representative of any one client's experience; investors must carefully choose the right Financial Advisor or team for their own situation and perform their own due diligence. This ranking is not indicative of the Financial Advisor's future performance. Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC is not affiliated with SHOOK Research LLC or Forbes. For more information, see www.SHOOKresearch.com.

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