Rose Marie Bravo
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Rose Marie Bravo, former CEO and vice chairman of Burberry Group Plc., has established a record of outstanding leadership in the retail industry. Born in the Bronx, she graduated from the Bronx High School of Science and then from Fordham University. She began her career as a buyer for Abraham and Strauss in 1971 and later became chair and CEO of the I. Magnin Specialty Division of R. H. Macy. She was president of Saks Fifth Avenue from 1992 to 1997, and then took on the challenge of reforming the British fashion brand Burberry as its CEO. Because of her extraordinary record of accomplishment in the retail industry, her advice and insights on effective leadership in a changing business world are in great demand. She is a member of the boards of directors of Tiffany & Co., Estée Lauder Companies, and Williams-Sonoma. She was named the most powerful woman in fashion by Time magazine in 2004 and was included in the Forbes list of “The 100 Most Powerful Women in the World” in 2005.