**ABRAMS APPOINTS VANDANA PATEL AS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

**New York, NY [October 25, 2023] –** Abrams has hired **Vandana Patel** as **Chief Financial Officer** of the company, Mary McAveney, President and CEO, announced today. Joining Abrams as of October 30, 2023, Patel will work closely with McAveney to steer the company’s financial operations and strategy.

Patel’s robust financial leadership spans from start-up publications to Fortune 500 media brands, driving revenue growth across print and digital platforms. Most recently, she was CFO at Topix Media Lab, a leading special interest publisher of women’s lifestyle, celebrity, and health content as well as cooking, young adult, and adult nonfiction titles. In her role, she established the financial strategy, forecasting, and accounting practices that successfully increased and sustained revenue. Prior to Topix Media Lab, she held VP of Finance roles at Time Inc. and News Group, leading large teams in all aspects of financial management and reporting.

“Vandana’s expertise in developing sound financial strategies and creating innovative systems and processes to identify and allocate resources to the most profitable areas of the business will be vital to managing our growth effectively,” said McAveney.

“I’ve long admired Abrams as a respected leader in publishing,” said Patel. “Having worked in finance for over twenty-five years, I look forward to working with the Abrams team at such an important time in the growth of the company.”

Reporting to Patel from the Finance team is **John Quinn**, SVP, Finance; **Tessa Shanks**, Director, Financial Planning and Analysis; **Brian Alvarez**, Senior Director, Royalties and Financial System; and **Mary Brigante**, Corporate Controller. Also reporting to Patel is **Peggy Garry**, VP Business and Legal Affairs, and **Chris Raymond**, VP, Information Technology.

**About Abrams**

Founded in 1949, ABRAMS was the first company in the United States to specialize in publishing art and illustrated books. The company continues to publish critically acclaimed and bestselling works in the areas of art, photography, cooking, craft, comics, interior and garden design, entertainment, fashion, and popular culture as well as narrative nonfiction and new works of fiction for adults; children’s books ranging from middle grade to young adult fiction to picture books to board books. ABRAMS creates and distributes brilliantly designed books with the highest production values under the following imprints: Abrams; Abrams ComicArts; Megascope; Surely Books; Abrams Image; Abrams Press; The Overlook Press; Cernunnos; Cameron + Company; Abrams Books for Young Readers; Amulet Books; Abrams Appleseed; and Magic Cat. ABRAMS also distributes books for Booth- Clibborn Editions, Bungie, Alain Ducasse Édition, Éditions de La Martiniére, Editions BPI, Enchanted Lion Books, Familius, Getty Publications, Global Golf Group, Lucky Spool, Milky Way Picture Books, The Museum of Modern Art, SelfMadeHero, Skittledog, Tate Publishing, V&A Publishing, and The Vendome Press.

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