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Susan is a partner at Valor Equity Partners, an operational growth equity firm headquartered in Chicago. She is primarily responsible for management of the firm's operations, including the firm's regulatory and legal compliance functions, investment analysis, structuring and execution, firm communications, client services, and firm marketing. Susan is a member of Valor's Investment Committee and serves as the firm's Chief Compliance Officer.

Prior to joining Valor, Susan was a partner at the law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, where she specialized in mergers and acquisitions, private equity, corporate governance, and strategic advice matters. During her 18 years with Skadden, she advised clients on some of the most notable mergers and acquisitions transactions in the energy, consumer products, financial services, and technology industries. Her clients included Fortune 500, middle-market, and emerging growth companies. While at Skadden, Susan served as counsel to Valor on certain strategic matters.

Susan has been a long time advocate for women and girls. Of Egyptian origin, Susan is particularly passionate about the rights of women and girls in the developing world. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of Equality Now, a global organization working to address human rights issues for women and girls around the world, and on the Board of Directors of Make Your Date, an organization focused on reducing infant mortality in U.S. inner cities today, and globally tomorrow. She also currently serves on the Board of Directors of The Clean Energy Trust, a non-profit that helps launch, fund, and grow early stage clean energy businesses in the Midwest.

Susan regularly serves as a guest lecturer on corporate transactions at Harvard Law School and at The University of Chicago Law School. Ms. Hassan was named one of Investment Dealers' Digest's "40 Under 40" and one of Chicago's "40 Under 40" by Crain's Chicago Business. Susan is a member of the Fortune Most Powerful Women community and a member of The Chicago Network. In 2009, she was named a Henry Crown Fellow at The Aspen Institute.

Susan received her undergraduate degree in economics from the University of Michigan and is a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School. She is fluent in Arabic.