

BIOGRAPHY

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Maria Sendra is CEO/CIO of the Making Waves Private Equity Fund. Maria has had a distinguished career in global corporate finance law that spans over 20 years formally with Greenberg Traurig.

Maria is a globally recognized thought leader for emerging and disruptive technologies with experience in the areas of blockchain, artificial intelligence, and machine learning development over the course of her corporate legal career.

In 2018, while still a Partner/Shareholder at Greenberg Traurig, Ms. Sendra's role shifted from Outside General Counsel to Strategic Executive and Board Advisor when she founded Silicon Valley Global Scaling, a transformational technology consultancy. As the company's CEO, she supports former and current founders, c-suites, and federal governmental transactional leaders of multi-sector projects ranging from multibillion-dollar Stem Cell Regeneration Medicine to Mobile Communications and Real Estate. In 2021, she also launched Sunshine Innovation Fund, where she serves as the CEO and CIO. Ms. Sendra has a background in Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry from her studies at Yale University, where she ran a research lab. She has also worked as a filmmaker at Harvard University. She also holds a Master of Arts with distinction from Indiana University and a Juris Doctorate from the University of California Berkeley School of Law, earning the Award for Excellence in Written Advocacy.