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A leader in the social impact space and a champion for moral leadership, Jacqueline Novogratz is the founder and CEO of Acumen, a global community that fights poverty and builds dignity by investing in companies and change-makers using both philanthropy-backed pioneer investing and for-profit impact funds. Novogratz’s two decades of work with Acumen have made an impact on nearly 443 million people across Africa, Latin America, South Asia and the United States.

To date, Acumen has invested more than $145 million of “patient capital” into 180 companies, and is also responsible for nearly $243 million in assets under management via its for-profit funds, which have affected 32 million people and offset 18 million tons of carbon.

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Novogratz is the author of two award-winning books: the best-selling “The Blue Sweater” (2010), and “Manifesto for a Moral Revolution: Practices to Build a Better World” (2020). She is a member of the B-Team, a global nonprofit that advocates for corporate leadership focused on future generations, and serves on numerous boards and advisory panels. She has been named one of the Top 100 Global Thinkers by Foreign Policy magazine, one of Insider’s Climate Action 30 leaders, one of the 25 Smartest People of the Decade by the Daily Beast, and one of the world’s 100 Greatest Living Business Minds by Forbes, which also honored her with the Forbes 400 Lifetime Achievement Award for Social Entrepreneurship. She holds an MBA from Stanford University and a B.A. in economics and international relations from UVA.