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IN ITS INAUGURAL LIST of notable Asian leaders, Crain's recognizes changemakers who are spearheading innovation and making our city a better place.

Asians are considered the fastest-growing demographic in the nation, and New York is home to 1.5 million people of Asian descent. Crain's sought to spotlight members of this group who have demonstrated the ability to power change in their industry or their broader communities. In particular, Crain's looked for leadership in diversity and inclusion and philanthropic or mentoring activities.

The 50 professionals who made the list hail from a wide array of

industries and backgrounds. Peruse the honorees and find individuals who have grown to be titans of their industries: leading law firms, reimagining real estate and driving investment decisions in the financial capital of the world.

You'll also find individuals working on social problems like homelessness, providing culturally competent health care to diverse communities and putting representation center-stage in fashion, to name just a few of the ways this group strives to uplevel the quality of life in the city.

Candidates were required to live in the greater New York area, be of Asian descent and have been employed for at least a decade.

NOTABLE ASIAN LEADERS

ARCHANA IYER

Partner

Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy

At law firm Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy, partner Archana Iyer handles immigration issues for major players in the tech industry, including the software engineering sector. Iyer also represents consumer products and pharmaceutical companies, streaming services, financial services firms and logistics providers, servicing a clientele of sophisticated multinational enterprises. Even as the Covid-19 pandemic shuttered U.S. consulates and made the work of immigration attorneys more difficult, Iyer presided over significant growth for her Fragomen team. She mentors fellow Asian American attorneys, and she has volunteered for the Legal Aid Society. Iyer has helped thousands of South Asian immigrants come to the U.S.

