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“You always
have to
be on
your toes”



Joining her family's ₹600-crore real estate business was never a given. Happily for everybody, Nirupa Shankar's ambitions and those of the Brigade Group slowly began to align perfectly.



AS TOLD TO SHREYASI SINGH
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Growing up, working in the family business was not always on my mind. There was never any pressure to do so. I was honestly just exploring things for myself. I studied Economics at the University of Virginia. Every summer, I'd come back to India and do different internships, be it in advertising, research or a hotel internship at The Leela Palace Hotel, Bangalore. I ended up taking a consulting job with Ernst & Young in the US after my graduation though—those are the kind of companies that come for jobs on campus. But I knew it wasn't something I wanted to do for the rest of my life. So I started taking evening classes in hotel opera-

