

MSC

Employment Report 2026

Master of Science Programs





REDEFINING BUSINESS EDUCATION

The Stockholm School of Economics (SSE) opened its doors to its first students in 1909 and has since become one of Europe's leading business schools. Built on a foundation of world-class research, our programs – ranging from Bachelor, Master and PhD degrees to Executive MBA and executive education programs – are developed in close collaboration with both the research and the business communities. This ensures our students gain the knowledge, skills, and networks needed to excel in leadership roles across industries.

At SSE, an innovative transformation is taking place. At its core is the introduction of the FREE model, an educational mission that aims to prepare future leaders for a complex and interconnected world. FREE stands for Fact-based, Reflective, Empathetic, and Entrepreneurial, values essential to fostering sound judgment and adaptability in leadership.

This employment report provides real insights into where our graduates go, the industries they enter, and how quickly they secure top positions. Explore the data and see how an SSE degree can open doors to a world of possibilities.



“To be a good leader in today’s unpredictable world, you need factual knowledge – that’s indisputable. Especially in a time where “alternative facts” have become an accepted part of the vernacular. But you also need the ability to understand and connect with others. Culture, empathy, and critical thinking are not extras; they are essentials. We need the full FREE spectrum.”

Lars Strannegård

President of the Stockholm School of Economics

GRADUATE PROFILE



In 2025, 336 alumni graduated from SSE’s Master programs. The group consisted of 48% women and 52% men. The average age at graduation was 26 and 34 nationalities were represented.

**Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, India, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Jordan, Latvia, Netherlands, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Singapore, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Thailand, United Kingdom, United States of America.*

48%

Female students

52%

Male students

26

Average age

34

Nationalities*

Of the 336 graduates, 278 responded to the survey. Their responses are summarized on the following pages. Please note that not all participants answered every question. Percentage values are based on the number of valid responses for each specific question. Throughout the following pages, the term “alumni” refers to those who responded to a given question, not the entire 2025 graduating cohort. Company sector information was reviewed and standardized by the project team using the Financial Times classification system.

EMBRACE YOUR UNIQUENESS

A CURRICULUM THAT NURTURES YOUR INDIVIDUAL NEEDS

Since 1999, SSE has been accredited by EQUIS (EFMD Accreditation for International Business Schools), signifying that all programs and research activities demonstrate excellence at an international level.

SSE's Master students have various opportunities to enhance their education and gain valuable experience. In addition to studying at one of SSE's partner schools, enrolling in a double degree program or joining the CEMS community, students can pursue a track in sustainability or data analytics. They also have the option to select elective courses related to entrepreneurship and innovation at the Stockholm School of Entrepreneurship, take online electives or attend seminars at other European higher education institutions through CIVICA. Additionally, students can access online electives offered by other leading global business schools through GNAM.

Students can also engage in the Executive Trainee Module (XTM), which involves working closely with an executive manager at one of SSE's partner companies.

Another option is to participate in the Wallenberg International Fellows Program, which allows students to combine their MSc studies at SSE with a summer internship in the United States, along with international business diplomacy studies in the Landegger Program at Georgetown University.



Read more about all MSc program components in year 2.

MSC ALUMNI WHO WENT ON EXCHANGE

SSE runs an extensive student exchange program with about 100 top-ranked universities and business schools worldwide. SSE is also a member of prominent networks such as PIM (Partnership in International Management), CEMS (The Global Alliance in Management Education), GNAM (Global Network for Advanced Management), APSIA (The Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs), and CIVICA (The European University of Social Sciences), and it participates in the Erasmus+ program.

164

of our 2025 MSc graduates studied abroad for one semester (excluding those who enrolled in a double degree program).



Read more about
the student
exchange program.



MSC ALUMNI WITH A DOUBLE DEGREE



We have joined forces with some of the very best European business schools and offer exciting double degree programs with the University of St.Gallen, Bocconi University and Sciences Po - Paris School of International Affairs at the Master's level.

The combined strengths of the partner universities and SSE enhance the academic experience and equip students with international exposure and perspectives that help prepare them for successful careers in business, government or academia.

Graduates of a double degree program receive two degrees, one from each higher education institution, giving them an edge in the increasingly integrated European labor market.

11

of our 2025 MSc graduates were enrolled in one of the double degree programs and awarded two Master's degrees.

GRADUATES WITH AN ADDITIONAL CEMS MIM DEGREE

The CEMS Master in International Management (MIM) is a joint Master program offered by a global alliance of leading business schools, multinational companies and NGOs collectively providing one of the top-ranked Master's programs in management worldwide.

The CEMS MIM is an excellent choice for those seeking a truly versatile and geographically mobile international career. Its joint curriculum is co-created and refined by academic directors from 33 member schools, with input from over 70 CEMS corporate partners, eight social partners, as well as CEMS students and alumni. SSE is the only school in Sweden that is a member of CEMS and has one of the largest student cohorts among CEMS schools.

The CEMS MIM program consists of mandatory elements, including an initial one-week Block Seminar, courses in Global Strategy and Global Leadership, a Global Citizenship Seminar, a Business Project, an academic semester abroad, skill seminars, an international internship, and language requirements. Upon completion of the program, students are awarded both the CEMS MIM degree and a Master of Science degree from SSE.

60

of our 2025 MSc graduates also obtained a Master's degree from CEMS. Out of these, 54 had studied the MSc program in International Business.



“The best part of having a mentor is definitely having someone who can guide and support you while helping you learn from their career experience, including both learnings and mistakes.”

Catherine Dolt

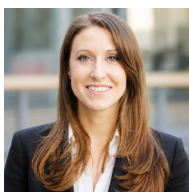
Mentee

MSc alum in International Business

START YOUR CAREER WITH A MENTOR

The MSc Mentorship Program supports Master students in their transition to professional life by connecting them with SSE alumni and corporate partners. Each year, students are matched with experienced mentors who share insights into their industries, career paths, and professional experiences. Over the course of an academic year, mentors and mentees engage in ongoing dialogue that helps students explore career opportunities, gain a deeper understanding of workplace culture, and expand their professional networks.

“I am beyond grateful to all my mentors at SSE and beyond and am happy to pass forward the advises I’ve received and experiences I’ve had along the way to help the young professionals in taking their first career steps. Personally, it has been exciting for me to learn from my mentees, who are studying and developing their career in an era of next generations of technology and social interaction.”



Elena Bayeva
Senior Director Global Technology
Sourcing & Partnerships, Warner
Bros. Discovery

143

of our 2025 MSc
graduates took
part in the MSc
Mentorship
Program.

SSE BUSINESS LAB

Reach your entrepreneurial dream

Since its inception in 2001, the SSE Business Lab has supported over 350 companies, among them well-known successes like Klarna, Budbee, Voi Technology and Legora. In 2026, the Financial Times' latest ranking of Europe's leading start-up hubs showed the SSE Business Lab high up in the rankings once again, climbing to seventh place, remaining the only Nordic hub in the top ten.

The SSE Business Lab is an integrated part of the School and facilitates entrepreneurship within the SSE community. Open to alumni, students, and faculty, the lab offers early-stage support to ventures with at least one co-founder connected to SSE. The incubator helps startups develop their ideas, accelerate growth, and create impact through coaching, partnerships, and access to a first-class network of investors.



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in Europe
according to the
Financial Times

100B+

SEK is the total
valuation of alumni
companies

350+

startups launched
since 2001

About Lamin K. Darboe and Bantaba

Lamin Darboe is originally from Gambia in West Africa and did his MSc in Finance at SSE. Prior to enrolling at SSE, he received his Bachelor's degree from Bocconi University in Italy. In 2021, he co-founded Bantaba, a startup that seeks to contribute to the development in Africa by supporting entrepreneurs addressing important challenges on the continent. Bantaba received support from the SSE Business Lab, first in the Activate program for early-stage ideas, and later in the Incubate program for startups scaling their business idea.

Bantaba connects African tech startups to investors, mentors and consultants in the African diaspora. The platform allows the diaspora to contribute to Africa's tech ecosystem through networking, mentoring, and investing in startups on the continent.



“The team at the SSE Business Lab has been nothing short of incredible, being our number 1 supporter. They have always gone the extra mile to support our journey, providing access to business coaches, mentors, and investors as well as giving feedback, recommendations and tips. Over the past years, we have been able to build and grow as a company thanks to the lab's resources.”

Lamin Darboe

Co-founder of Bantaba, Gambia



Read more about
the SSE Business Lab.

GRADUATES WERE HIRED QUICKLY

In the spring of 2026, 336 alumni graduated from SSE's Master programs. They were surveyed about their whereabouts, employment situation and remuneration. Out of those invited, 278 alumni responded to the survey. Their answers are summarized on the following pages.

Of the MSc alumni who told us that they went straight to work and disclosed their time to employment,

91%

found employment within three months of completing their studies.

80%

found positions before they completed their studies.

ALL OVER THE WORLD

More than 60% of SSE graduates start their careers in Sweden, but international pathways are increasingly common. Germany (9%), Switzerland (4%), the United Kingdom (3%), Ireland (2%), and Denmark (2%) top the list of popular destinations in Europe.

Other countries included Italy, Poland, Netherlands, Latvia, Belgium, Czechia, Austria, Spain, France, Estonia, United States, Nepal, Azerbaijan, South Africa and Singapore.

** Everyone (including respondents with dual nationalities one of which is Swedish) who holds a non-Swedish passport is considered a non-Swede, in accordance with the Financial Times guidelines.*

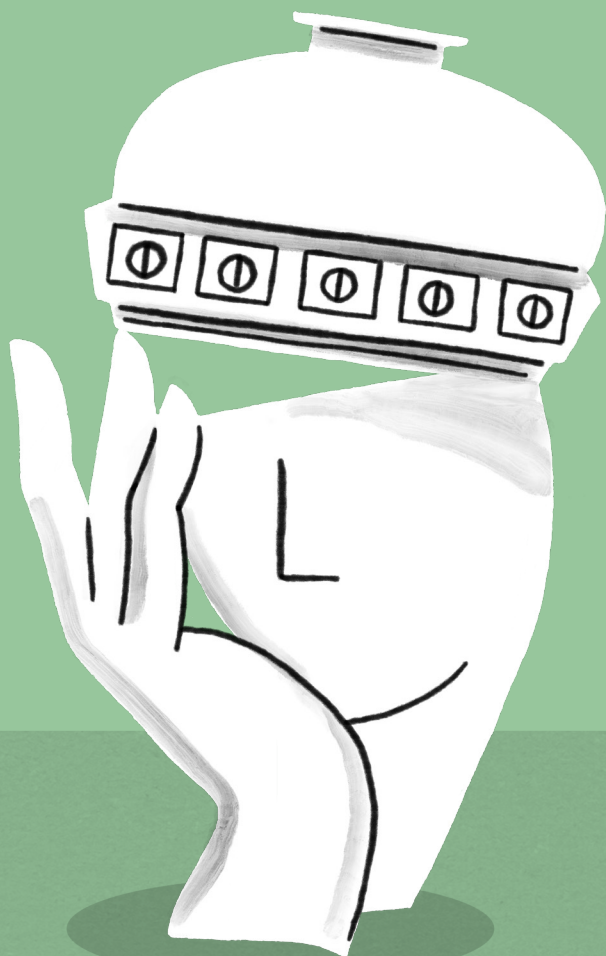
38%

of international MSc alumni* chose to stay and work in Sweden.

11%

of Swedish MSc alumni launched their careers abroad.





SUCCESS BY THE NUMBERS

At SSE, corporate collaboration is part of our DNA. Through SSE's Corporate Partnership Program, we work closely with leading Swedish and international companies across industries. These partnerships create real opportunities for exposure to leading employers through internships, case studies, on-campus recruitment events, and mentorship programs.

45%

of employed alumni who provided their employer's name work at an SSE or CEMS corporate partner company

SEK 663,810

or USD 71,351 - the average annual gross salary for employed alumni just one year after graduation*

*Alumni were asked to provide their salary in a currency of their choice. The currency was converted to USD and SEK using Riksbank's exchange rate of May 2026, 1 USD = 9,3035 SEK. This figure includes bonuses and commissions.

FIRST EMPLOYERS AFTER GRADUATION

Corporate Partners:

Bain & Company*
Bank of America
BNP Paribas*
Bonnier Group
Boston Consulting Group*
Citi
Deloitte
DNB Carnegie
Ericsson
Essity
EY
FTI Consulting
Goldman Sachs

Grant Thornton
H&M*
Handelsbanken
Kekst CNC
Kinnevik
Klarna
KPMG
Lazard
Mastercard*
McKinsey & Company*
Morgan Stanley
Novo Nordisk

PwC
Rothschild & Co
Scania
SEB
Slättö
Swedbank
Söderberg & Partners
Triton Partners

** Both SSE and CEMS
corporate partners*

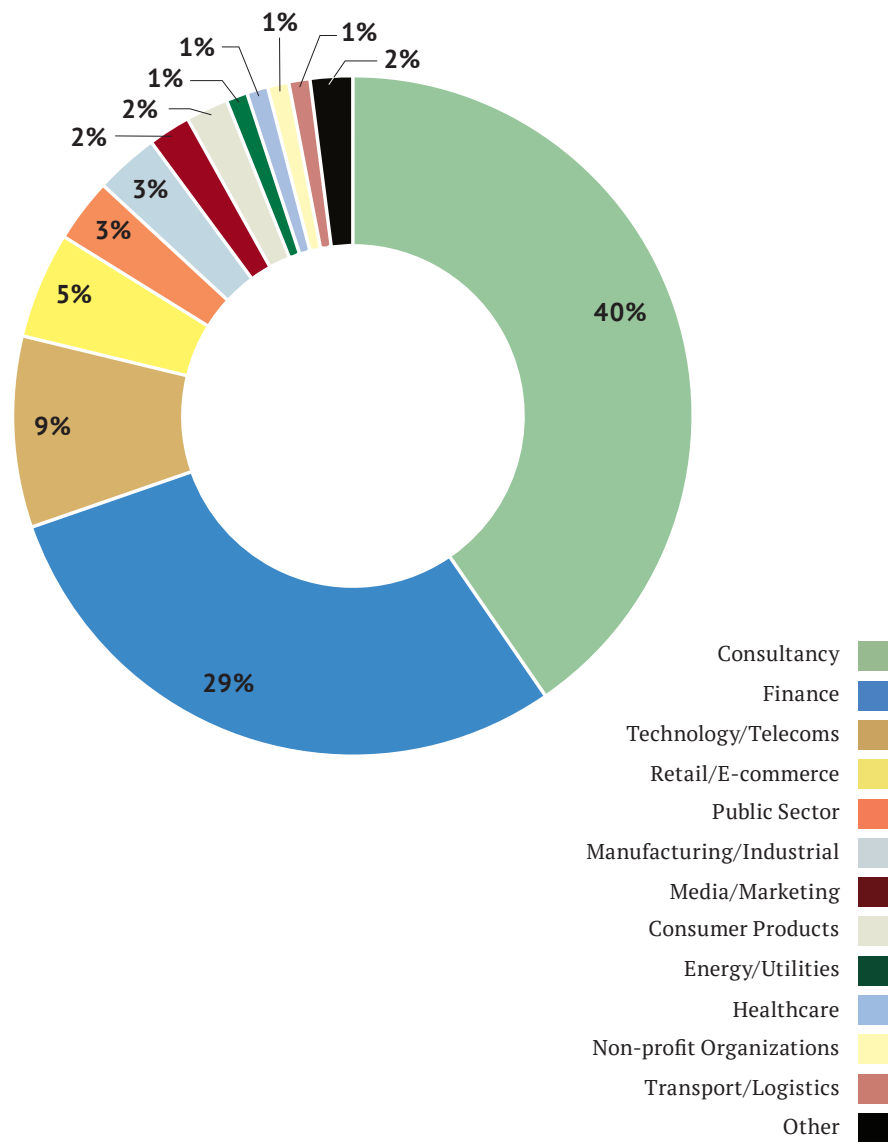
A select list of other employers:

Amazon
BearingPoint
Business Sweden
Capgemini
Catella
Databricks
Danske Bank
Deutsche Bank
European Central Bank
European Commission

Google
Husqvarna
Implement Consulting
Group
Influence AB
J.P. Morgan
Kepler Cheuvreux
Merge
Netlight Consulting
OPX Partners

RELEX Solutions
Roland Berger
Sana Labs
Strategy&
Tele2
UBS
Visma
World Economic Forum
Zaize

MSc 2025 alumni work in the following sectors:



“We are recruiting from SSE simply because it’s the perfect match. We are getting access to students of world class, and in return we offer them a truly global platform to develop their skill set and accelerate their careers as working professionals.”

Per Hillström

Managing Director at Morgan Stanley

WHAT EMPLOYERS THINK



McKinsey
& Company

“SEB continues to prioritize being a corporate partner with Stockholm School of Economics because we believe our long-term relationship brings together some of the brightest minds to help solve the challenges of the future. From finance to entrepreneurship, from diversity to sustainability, we believe there is great value in engaging with Stockholm School of Economics students and educators on topics that will positively impact our society today and for generations to come.”

Johan Torgeby
CEO and President at SEB

“We are proud of our close partnership with SSE. In our search for exceptional talent, SSE students continue to be distinctive. They exhibit high levels of drive and engagement, qualities that are crucial in our work to solve some of the world’s most complex problems. We have decades of history of learning, growing, and unleashing our potential together.”

Sebastian Sjöberg
Managing Partner and Senior
Partner at McKinsey – Sweden

WHAT ALUMNI THINK



“I appreciated the strong connection with corporate partners and the projects carried out with companies, starting from the first term of the first year. Having real hands-on experience has been the greatest takeaway I brought with me from SSE when starting my first full-time job. Finally, meeting ambitious and like-minded people, whom I now consider close friends, has been truly enriching.”

Margherita Cristaldi,
Sustainability Consultant at KPMG



“During my time at SSE, I had the opportunity to meet several alumni who were incredibly helpful in showing me the many different career paths available and the opportunities that open up after graduating from SSE. I also participated in the MSc Mentorship Program, where my mentor helped me reflect on my life and career and supported me in taking my next step with confidence. My classmates were also a great source of support.”

Julio César Restrepo Ruiz
Valuation and Analytics Associate at PwC

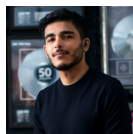
YOUNG ALUM OF THE YEAR

The Young Alum of the Year Award is bestowed on graduates of the Stockholm School of Economics who graduated around 10 years ago or less for their significant contributions to their field and for setting an inspirational example for future alumni.

Young Alum of the Year 2025.

“SSE is an inextricable part of the SNAFU story. The person who helped me build our first business plan was an old SSE schoolmate, our very first

investor was an SSE schoolmate, our first advisor and board member was a professor at SSE, our first hires were from SSE – and we continue to look at SSE for talented people who want to solve big problems and are looking for an alternative to the banking, finance or consulting path.”



Ankit Desai
Founder and CEO of
SNAFU.

“Do not be afraid to stray from the beaten path. There is much to explore and many alternative career paths that do not follow a straight line. I can only encourage SSE students who are interested in an international career to look into opportunities to work for international organizations such as the EU.”

Johanna Modigsson

Attaché to the Swedish Member of the European
Court of Auditors (ECA) in Luxembourg

SSE'S UNIQUE STUDY ENVIRONMENT

Since SSE first opened its doors, generations of students have walked through its halls, and we look forward to welcoming many more in the years ahead. Over time, the campus has grown, with new buildings and spaces added to support our academic community.

Located in the heart of Stockholm, the SSE campus is just two metro stops from Stockholm Central Station. Whether you live north, south, east, or west of the city center, getting to campus is easy. Buses, trains, metro lines, and even boats are all within easy reach, while many students, faculty, and staff choose to walk or bike.

At SSE, education is not only about academic knowledge – it also involves reflection, creativity, and personal development. Several spaces on campus have therefore been transformed into art-infused learning environments in collaboration with internationally renowned artists. These spaces support SSE's educational mission, FREE, which aims to develop decision-makers with a Fact- and Science-based mindset, Reflection and self-awareness, Empathy and cultural literacy, and Entrepreneurship with responsibility.

Students, faculty, and visitors can explore several of these distinctive spaces, including art classrooms, the Boardroom, the Lighthouse Room for meetings and study, and the Heckscher-Ohlin Room for seminars and events. Each space brings art and education together, creating opportunities for reflection, interaction, and learning beyond the traditional classroom.



The Schumpeter room



Explore SSE's
art-infused
classrooms

SSE'S ART, SPORT, AND TECH INITIATIVE



Being a student at SSE means much more than academics alone. At SSE, you will have the opportunity to take part in three distinctive initiatives beyond your studies:

SSE's **Art Initiative** embeds art in the academic environment of SSE to make the School even more knowledge intensive and to enrich the lives of students, faculty and staff.

SSE's **Sport Initiative** embeds sports in the academic environment of SSE with the aim of making the School more knowledge-intensive. We work primarily with inspirational lectures, forums, field trips, physical exercise, as well as other activities and events.

SSE's **Tech Initiative** empowers students to tackle the world's challenges by becoming reflective, empathetic, and entrepreneurial technology-enabled leaders and innovators. It brings faculty, students, alumni, and partners together to explore how technology has transformed both our contemporary business life and our society. Our students will meet thought and business leaders in the tech industry, critically discuss and reflect upon technological advancements in academic seminars, and learn how to use and leverage technology in practical workshops.



Read more about
SSE's Art, Sport,
and Tech Initiative

PROGRAMS OFFERED AT SSE

BACHELOR PROGRAMS

3 years – 180 ECTS

BSc in Business and Economics

BSc in Retail Management

MASTER PROGRAMS

2 years – 120 ECTS

MSc in Accounting, Valuation and
Financial Management

MSc in Business Innovation

MSc in Economics

MSc in Finance

MSc in International Business

MSc in Public Policy (*starting 2028*)

PHD PROGRAMS

5 years – 240 ECTS

PhD in Business Administration

PhD in Economics

PhD in Finance

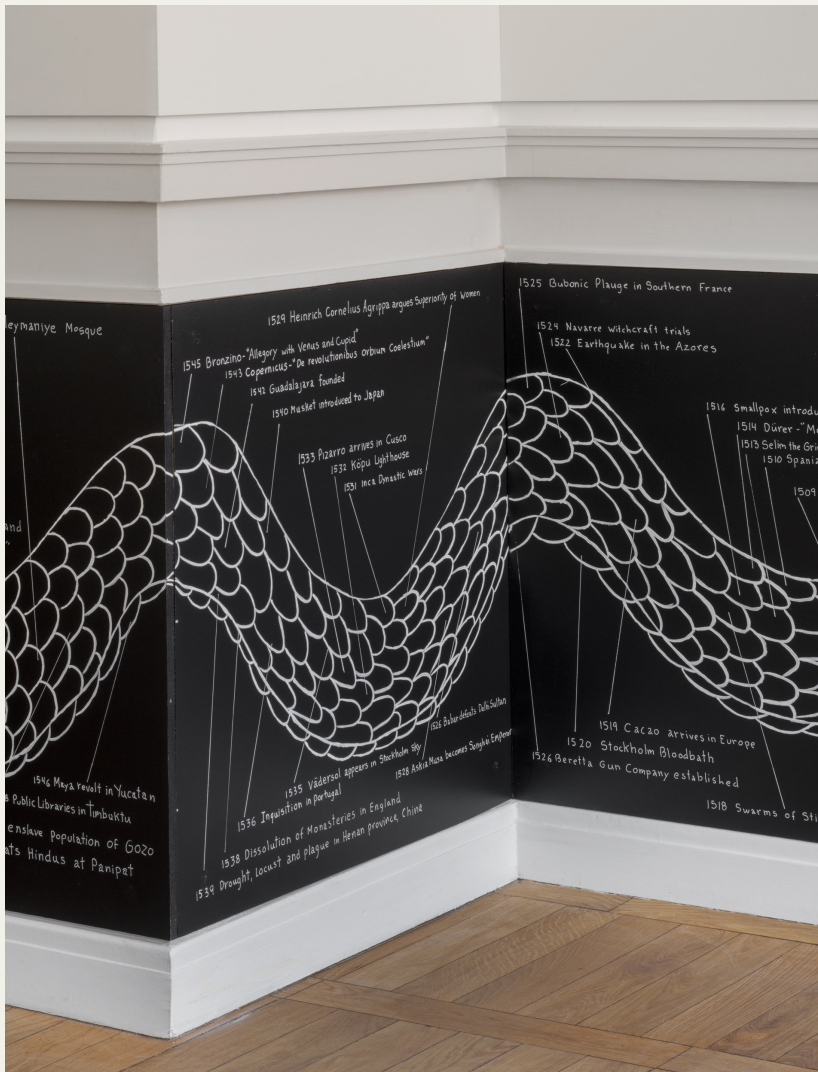
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