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## President Juncker receives AmCham EU Bridge-Builder Award

**Brussels, 3 October 2019** – The American Chamber of Commerce to the EU (AmCham EU) is delighted to announce that Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission, was presented with a Bridge-Builder Award yesterday at AmCham EU's annual Gala evening.

The award formally recognises the President's extraordinary achievements over the course of his tenure. **President Juncker has striven to maintain and strengthen the unity of the EU through difficult times and crises. He has also demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the transatlantic relationship.** His outstanding diplomatic skills and personal efforts were instrumental in de-escalating tensions between the EU and the US.

**Susan Danger, CEO, AmCham EU**, stated: 'American companies in Europe wanted to recognise the President's continued leadership, particularly with regard to the unity of Europe and transatlantic relations.' She went on to say: 'In an increasingly complex and polarised world, our societies need bridge-builders more than ever. Bridge-builders are exceptional individuals who are able to connect with those who may disagree, find common ground and build consensus. Ultimately, they make a real difference because they bring people together.'

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## About AmCham EU

AmCham EU speaks for American companies committed to Europe on trade, investment and competitiveness issues. It aims to ensure a growth-orientated business and investment climate in Europe. AmCham EU facilitates the resolution of transatlantic issues that impact business and plays a role in creating better understanding of EU and US positions on business matters. Aggregate US investment in Europe totalled more than €2 trillion in 2018, directly supports more than 4.8 million jobs in Europe, and generates billions of euros annually in income, trade and research and development.

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