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Cadwalader Launches Women in the City Programme with Leadership Debate

London, 7 July 2016, Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP, a leading international law firm to global corporations and financial institutions, hosted the first in its series of Women in the City Programme on Thursday 7 July 2016.

During the programme, high-profile panelists examined a range of issues surrounding women's progression into leadership roles, bringing knowledge, advice and insight from their personal success and management experience to attendees.

"Cadwalader has a strong commitment to the recruitment, retention, development and advancement of women attorneys and aims to develop them into leaders within their practice groups, the Firm, the legal profession and the community," said Gregory Petrick, Co-Chair of Cadwalader's Financial Restructuring Group and Managing Partner of the London office. "Building on that momentum, we introduced this programme to enable and empower women to thrive in their careers – in the City and beyond."

The panelists included:

- **Claire Cockerton**, Chairwoman, Entiq and Co-Founder, Innovate Finance
- **Eileen Herlihy**, Executive Director and MEA Head of Clearing Sales, J.P. Morgan
- **Cathryn Lyall**, Chief Operating Officer, CurveGlobal, London Stock Exchange Group
- **Joanna Nader**, Partner and Chief Investment Officer, JRJ Group
- **Meryam Omi**, Head of Sustainability, Legal & General Investment Management
- **Gregory Petrick**, Co-Chair of Cadwalader's Financial Restructuring Group and Managing Partner of the London office, Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP
- **Louisa Watt**, Partner and Head of Cadwalader's Debt and Claims Trading Practice, Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP

The panel addressed how women can pave the way as future leaders in the post financial crisis business world, and included lively debates on a variety of subjects such as risk adversity, the relationships between female management and shareholder value, and how more collaborative business models can keep and encourage female talent. They also tackled how leadership qualities specific to women can forge a new consensus in the post-Brexit business world given recent developments in the UK.

"Cadwalader promoted its first female partner in 1942. Today, 50 percent of our associates and special counsel in Europe are women. The debate is no longer about the divide, but the shared responsibilities of leadership," said Louisa Watt, Partner and Head of Cadwalader's Debt and Claims Trading Practice. She added "Brexit is providing an opportunity for women to take centre stage in the political arena at a time when leadership is key to how Britain moves forward. An environment of crisis highlights leadership skills, whether men or women are at the helm."

The first in a series of inspiring programmes on women's leadership issues, Cadwalader has two more in the pipeline for September and November 2016: "Women in Investment Management: New Vision, New Ideas?" and "Women in Alternative Finance and Fintech: How Are Women Transforming the Finance Profession Today," respectively.

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