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Cadwalader's Second Women in the City Event Suggests More Needs to Be Done to Help Women in Investment Management

London, September 22, 2016. In July, Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP launched its London Women in the City Programme, bringing together high profile industry leaders to share different perspectives and inspiring ideas to help women build successful careers in today's business community.

The second event in the series, titled "Women in Investment Funds: A Fundamental Advantage," was held on September 22, and included a lively debate which addressed the challenges of growing female talent in the investment fund sector. The panelists concluded that whilst there is currently an under representation of women in the fund industry (especially those managing portfolios), funds also present excellent opportunities for women because they are inherently more flexible, agile and willing to reward merit than other sectors.

"It is important that women can see a leadership role for themselves within hedge, and other funds. That's good for both funds and also the industries that support them," said Karen McMaster, a partner in Cadwalader's London Financial Restructuring Group. "As women leaders, we have a responsibility to help other women succeed and we all play a part, no matter how small. Men share the same responsibility, so to those men who have worked with remarkable women and seen firsthand what we can bring to the table, we would encourage everyone to spread the word!"

The panelists included:

- **Ingrid Bagby**, Partner, Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP

- **Louise Boothby**, Investment Principal, Coller Capital
- **Audrey Klein**, Head of Equity, Valad Europe (Event Chair)
- **Karen McMaster**, Partner, Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP
- **Katherine Ralph**, Vice President, Opportunities Funds, Oaktree Capital Management

Cadwalader's Women in the City Programme has one more event scheduled for November. "Women in Alternative Finance and Fintech: How Are Women Transforming the Finance Profession Today," will explore opportunities for women to make a difference to the growing areas of FinTech, crowdfunding and peer-peer lending, where there are some great examples of female entrepreneurs, leading or assisting innovative firms in the process of capital formation.

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