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Cadwalader Debates the Role of Women in FinTech and Alternative Finance

London, 4 November 2016, On November 3, 2016, Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP, held a panel debate titled, “Women in FinTech and Alternative Finance: Bridging the Gender Gap,” as part of its ‘Women in the City’ series, bringing together high profile speakers to share different perspectives and inspiring ideas to help women build successful careers in today’s business community.

The dynamic FinTech sector, attracting professionals from both finance and technology backgrounds, is providing plenty of opportunities for women entrepreneurs and executives, but it also comes with challenges. With this in mind, Cadwalader hosted a panel of powerful women who are making a real impact in FinTech to bring their personal accounts to light in a way that will provide role models for the success of other women in the sector.

Chaired by London Cadwalader Capital Markets Partner, Jeremiah Wagner, who was this year recognized by the Financial Times as ‘Young Innovator of the Year’ for his work in developing the alternative finance and FinTech sector in Europe, the group discussed ways to attract more women into FinTech. This included addressing the gender issue head on; educating and engaging young women in STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics); identifying female role models in the industry; setting up mentoring programs; and promoting female success.

The panelists included:

- Gen Ashley, Director, Women Who Code, London
- Emanuela Campari Bernacchi, Partner, Gattai, Minoli, Agostinelli & Partners
- Elisabeth Noble, Senior Policy Expert, European Banking Authority
- Dipali Sahni, General Counsel, MW Eaglewood Europe LLP
- Lucy Vernall, General Counsel, Funding Circle Limited
- Jeremiah Wagner, Partner, Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP (Chair of event)

“The very industry that FinTech sets out to disrupt and modernize – financial services – is not particularly progressive when it comes to gender,” said Jeremiah Wagner, a partner in the Capital Markets Group of Cadwalader’s London office. “Diversity is positive for professionals, both women and men, bringing different perspectives that are good for driving businesses forward in the constant search for innovation and competitive advantage.”

The goal of Cadwalader’s ‘Women in the City’ series is to help women expand their professional network and accelerate their career development by sharing experiences with each other and learning from the industry’s most inspiring trailblazers.

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