

cutting edge LITE

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WELCOME TO the latest Cutting Edge LITE

I know you've only just got back from your summer holidays, but time is ticking and it won't be long before more than 350 like-minded women come together for the seventh annual Women in the City Lunch being held once again in Plaisterers' Hall in the heart of the City on Friday 27 November.

Those of you who've already attended one of our lunches won't need reminding that the event is "invigorating and immensely empowering", "an impressive event and an impressive group of women", "inspiring and motivating".

If you're thinking of joining us for the first time it's a great way to entertain clients and introducers and to bring together women in your own organisation. You'll be made welcome if you come on you'll bound to either bump into someone you know and meet new people, too.

There's usually a waiting list by the end of October, so please don't delay in booking your place(s). You can [BOOK](#) using a credit card through our website or, if you'd like an invoice, please call 0704 404 7497.

To read more about the event and our keynote speaker, Gillian Tett, click to our [website](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS - please note these events are not managed by WIC. If you need further information, follow the link or contact details shown for each event.

Call my Bluff with Wine - a wine tasting with a twist in aid of the British Red Cross

Friday 18 September, 18.30-22.30
Tickets £45 per person
Glaziers' Hall, London Bridge

Three panellists will deliver a different description of the wine as they are being tasted, and at the end of each round your team will vote for which of the panellists you think is describing the true identity of the wine. You can buy individual tickets and be placed in a team for the evening, or you can book a table for ten and have your own private team.

The wine is accompanied by an abundance of British cheeses and there will be an auction and raffle during the evening giving you the opportunity to win stunning prizes.

[For more information and to book](#)

**The Chartered Insurance Institute
Learning Development Forum**

Thursday 10 September 2009, 09.45 – 15.15
Adapting learning to meet the changing needs of organisations

[For more information and to book](#)

Addidi Angels - women's investment club

Tuesday 6 October, noon - 2pm
Watermans' Hall, 16 St May-at-Hill, EC3R 8EF
By invitation only

Many of you will have read about Addidi Angels in the latest edition of Cutting Edge. The brainchild of Anna Sofat this investment club supports women to become business angels. If you'd like to do something interesting with your money then why not join Anna for an informal lunch in Watermans' Hall, one of the City's most delightful Georgian Livery Halls, on 6 October. To read more about Addidi Angels visit the [website](#). To receive your invitation to this small, informal lunch, please contact Anna direct on didi@addidi.com

Out and About with Gwen Rhys

Who said August was quiet? For those of us who've been working throughout the summer, it's been surprisingly busy.

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'Back to School' - you never forget that feeling of having something new in September so why not treat yourself to a super-chic laptop bag. Special 15% savings available for Cutting Edge LITE readers.

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WIC Awards

There's still time to recognise exceptional professional women by nominating a colleague, business associate, friend or even yourself for either the Jaguar Woman of Achievement or the Coutts Lifetime Achievement awards.

[Nominate](#) now

San Domenico House

This exquisite boutique B&B in Chelsea is offering a discount of up to £50 per night to Cutting Edge LITE readers. To find out more email [Gwen Rhys](#)

Sponsorship opportunities still available

Support Women in the City's work in promoting, recognising and rewarding talent by sponsoring our activities, partnering with us throughout the year, advertising in Cutting Edge and Cutting Edge LITE and, of course, buying tickets for our events. To discuss further, contact [Michelle Hemstedt](#)

What makes a great business restaurant?

We first held this on-line questionnaire in June. Curiously, the restaurant most frequently

In the early part of the month I attended an uplifting networking evening hosted by Allen & Overy on behalf of the [Brokerage Citylink](#) - an independent not-for-profit organisation working in partnership with City employers to create a pathway to the City for young residents of London's inner-city boroughs. The event brought together around 100 students (aged 18-21). All were on placements with City firms, all brimming with excitement and many anxiously awaiting their A-level results. It's great to connect with these young people and their enthusiasm for learning more about networking was heartening. I hope my words of encouragement will help them build long-lasting relationships.

I also had many exploratory meetings with potential sponsors, partners and supporters. Some of the ideas discussed are already in fruition - discounted rates at San Domenico House in Chelsea and a fabulous luxury holiday prize at its sister hotel, [Masseria San Domenico](#) in Puglia for the winner of the Coutts Lifetime Achievement Award. Others are very close to signing on the dotted line and I hope to announce some exciting developments, soon.

With best wishes.



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mentioned as "great" was Gouchos. I was intrigued because a significant number of women attending our annual Lunch request a vegetarian option and Gouchos isn't exactly what you'd call vegetarian-friendly! So I thought I'd re-open the survey and see if the meat eaters continue to dominate. To participate, visit the [survey](#).

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