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## **Debra Ward, Managing Director for Europe and North America at Macro, Wins the Women in the City Woman of Achievement Award 2014**

**(London, UK) Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2014** – Waiting never seemed so good for this year’s winner of the [Women in the City](#) Woman of Achievement Award 2014, sponsored by [Misys](#) - a leading financial services software provider. Canadian-born Debra Ward, Managing Director for Europe and North America, Macro, beat six other high achieving women to capture the overall Award which was announced today at the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Women in the City Celebration Lunch, in the City of London.

Heading up the Macro Executive team Debra is in charge of expanding the client base and geographic reach of the business, and for setting its strategic direction. With her background in hospitality, Debra has strived to introduce the concept of ‘service culture’ to facilities management placing value in her organisation’s most valuable resource, namely, its people.

On announcing the Woman of Achievement Award, **Gwen Rhys, CEO and Founder of Women in the City**, said; “Debra’s passion for supporting the progress of women is now part of her DNA. As her career developed she didn’t really appreciate her responsibility as a role model and champion, but a comment from a junior changed that. Debra now puts equal energy into supporting the progress of women as she puts into building the business. The way she leverages her networks and invests her personal time and resources is an example to us all.”

**Debra Ward, Managing Director at facilities management company, Macro**, on winning the Woman of Achievement Award commented; “I didn’t always understand my greater role to inspire women moving up in their careers. That changed when a young woman once said to me ‘it’s hard to emulate what you can’t see’, so I feel deeply honoured to be recognised by Women in the City as the 2014 Woman of Achievement, for my work as a champion of women in the workplace.”

The principal aim of the Women in the City Woman of Achievement Award is to highlight and formally recognise those women who, as well as fulfilling a demanding senior level role, are making sure that skilled and intelligent women are being supported to remain and progress

in the workplace. Contact Women in the City for information on how to get involved in 2015 - [www.citywomen.co.uk](http://www.citywomen.co.uk) .

To see a recent interview with Debra Ward visit <http://tigermouthtalk.com/>.

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