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### Seven Amazing Women Secure Crowning Glory at City Award Ceremony

*[Women in the City](#) announces the seven Category Award winners for the prestigious Woman of Achievement Awards 2014*

**(London, UK) Thursday, 23rd October 2014** – Seven women have secured success and been crowned Category Winners at today's Women in the City Woman of Achievement Award Celebration Evening, hosted by [Bryan Cave LLP](#), London EC2.

Talented female executives from across the UK were nominated for the award scheme in September and took part in a rigorous three stage judging process. To win their Category, finalists must be remarkable and, in addition to fulfilling a demanding role, are making sure that skilled and intelligent women are being supported to remain and progress in the workplace.

The seven Category Award winners for 2014 are:

**Construction & Engineering:** Tracey McIntyre, Head of Operations, Scotia Gas Networks Limited

**Facilities Management:** Debra Ward, Managing Director, Macro Limited

**Financial Services:** Lesley Wan, Corporate Real Estate Counsel, Lloyds Banking Group and Highly Commended Netsai Mangwende, UK Head of Finance , AIG Property Casualty

**Healthcare:** Henrietta Bowden-Jones, Psychiatrist and Neuroscientist, Director, National Problem Gambling Clinic

**Professional Services:** Inna Baigozina-Gorelli, Parter, A T Kearney

**Public Sector:** Yasmin Batliwala , CEO, Advocates for International Development and Chair, Westminster Drug Project

**Technology:** Marion Broughton, VP Land and Air Systems, Thales UK

**Gwen Rhys, CEO of Networking Culture Ltd and Founder of [Women in the City](#),**

congratulated all the winners and said; "Our Awards scheme continues to attract remarkable women, and these final seven are no exception. The final selection reflects the standards of excellence across all nominees. Well done to all our Category Winners and we wish them all

the best for the next stage of the judging process as they go on to contend for the overall Woman of Achievement Award in November.

“Previous winners have joined company boards, as both Executive Directors and Non-Executive Directors, and I am confident that this year’s Winners will follow suit.”

The overarching aim of the Women in the City Woman of Achievement Award is to highlight and formally recognise the outstanding contribution women make to the British economy, as well as pinpointing those who are actively promoting and encouraging the progress of women above and beyond their everyday job. The Award identifies excellence and celebrates the achievements of senior and partner-level professionals.

The Award judging panel is chaired by Prof Susan Vinnicombe, CBE, Director, Centre for Developing Women Business Leaders at Cranfield School of Management. The Award sponsors for 2014 are Google and MISYS, with The University of Chicago Booth School of Business as Academic sponsor.

The main Woman of Achievement Award 2014 will be presented by City of London Sheriff, Fiona Adler on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> November at the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Women in the City Celebration Lunch held at Plaisterers’ Hall, London when the Keynote Address will be given by The Rt Hon the Baroness Scotland of Asthale QC.

Limited places remain for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Women in the City Lunch & Awards Ceremony. To secure a place visit [www.citywomen.co.uk](http://www.citywomen.co.uk) .

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**Notes to editors:**

1. Photographs of the Category winners are available on request.
2. There are limited complimentary places for journalists to attend the 2014 Woman of Achievement Celebration Evening. Please contact Harriet Subramanian for further information.

About [Women in the City](#)

Launched in 2003 Women in the City (WIC) has built a strong presence in London's business hubs and its Annual Celebration Lunch is one of the City's signature events. Its Membership programme and Award Winners Alumni make a powerful and influential community.

WIC also run an established UK-wide awards programme. The Future Leaders Award identifies fast-track women with high leadership potential, with the winner gaining a place on the ICAEW Women in Leadership programme. The Woman of Achievement Award recognises senior and partner level women who, in addition to fulfilling a demanding job, are actively supporting the progress of women. Today, WIC attracts sponsorship from major corporates.

WIC will launch the Flex Award in early 2015 which will recognise excellence in flexible working practices.

In 2013 WIC launched its Project Diamond handbook and supplements which bring expert advice and insight into the difference between male and female approaches to business.

Furthermore, through WIC's Internship Programme female students are able to network beyond their usual circles, gain confidence from hosting at events, speak with enthusiasm about WIC at interviews, acquire valuable business and life skills, and secure jobs.