



100 Women in Hedge Funds Raises HKD \$1.8 M to Invest in Next Generation of women investment professionals in Hong Kong

100WHF Asia Industry Leadership Award Presented to Dr. Hua Fan, China Investment Corporation

Hong Kong, November 18, 2015 – 100 Women in Hedge Funds ("100WHF"), a leading global non-profit organization for alternative investment management investors and professionals, has announced that through the success of its third annual Hong Kong Gala, HKD \$1.8 million in gross proceeds were raised for the benefit of the 100 Women in Hedge Funds Hong Kong Foundation Ltd. The proceeds will fund one of the organization's highest global strategic priorities, namely investment in the next generation of women investment professionals. The event was held at the China Club in Central, Hong Kong and included 150 industry leaders.

Carol Kim and Sarah Dyer Dana, Co-Founders of 100WHF and this year's Hong Kong Gala Co-Chairs, opened the evening by reflecting on the beginnings of 100WHF fourteen years ago, the extraordinary global growth of the organization and the importance of this year's Investing in the Next Generation initiative to ensuring the growth and success of the pipeline of female talent into the industry.

Amanda Pullinger, Chief Executive Officer of 100WHF, added, "The net proceeds raised for 100WHF Hong Kong Foundation will be used to develop partnerships and programs designed to inspire young women at universities and business schools, whatever their background, to look more favorably at a career in the financial industry and the broader investor world; to create educational opportunities and access points to support those young women who want to join the industry, and to facilitate an ongoing peer network for women in the industry. We will be rolling out outreach and access programs in Hong Kong, leveraging the experience of our current members in the process."

One of 100WHF's educational partners in this initiative is the CAIA Foundation. Expanding on 100WHF's five-year partnership with CAIA, 100WHF will engage with CAIA under the umbrella of the Investing in the Next Generation initiative to provide the next generation of young women at university and business school with this important educational tool. 100WHF will also continue to offer scholarships globally for the full CAIA accreditation to 100WHF's members.

Jo Murphy, a 100WHF member and CAIA's Asia-based Managing Director said, "The CAIA Fundamentals programme provides a foundation of core concepts to professionals who need to gain a rapid understanding of the alternative investment landscape, and is therefore uniquely suited to help 100WHF achieve its important next generation initiatives."

Mr. Zoltan Varga, Head of Asia Investing at Och-Ziff Capital Management Group, presented the Asia Industry Leadership Award to Dr. Hua Fan, Senior Managing Director and Head of Fixed Income and Absolute Investment Return at China Investment Corporation. Dr. Fan is widely recognized as one of the leading investors in Asia. Dr. Fan said, "I am delighted to accept the 2015 Asia Industry Leadership Award from 100 Women in Hedge Funds. Tonight's event focuses our attention on the opportunities that young women can pursue in the global alternative investment industry and the work that 100WHF is doing to open doors for them."

100WHF announced on 3 November, 2015, that HRH The Countess of Wessex had become Global Ambassador of 100WHF's Next Generation initiatives. Over the course of the next three years, The Countess of Wessex will represent 100WHF's Next Generation initiatives as she travels to several of 100WHF's locations around the world. As Global Ambassador, she will serve as an advocate for increased diversity in the financial services industry, and for raising the industry's visibility and appeal as young women consider career paths. Additionally, she will participate in conversations in which she can share 100WHF's global knowledge of best practices around cultivating interest and engagement from the next generation of women entering the industry.

About 100 Women in Hedge Funds (www.100womeninhedgefunds.org)

100 Women in Hedge Funds is a global, practitioner-driven non-profit organization serving over 13,000 alternative investment management investors and professionals through educational, professional leverage and philanthropic initiatives. Formed in 2001, 100 Women in Hedge Funds has hosted over 500 education events globally, connected more than 250 senior women through Peer Advisory Groups and raised over \$36 million for philanthropic causes in the areas of women's health, education and mentoring.

About CAIA (www.caia.org):

Founded in 2002, the CAIA Association is the world leader and authority in alternative investment education. The CAIA Association is best known for the CAIA Charter®, an internationally-recognized credential granted upon successful completion of a rigorous two-level exam series, combined with relevant work experience. Earning the CAIA Charter is the gateway to becoming a member of the CAIA Association, a global network of more than 7,700 alternative investment leaders located in 80+ countries, who have demonstrated a deep and thorough understanding of alternative investing. Having grown rapidly, the CAIA Association now supports 22 vibrant chapters located in financial centers around the world and sponsors more than 120 educational and networking events each year. The fundamentals of Alternative Investments Certificate Program® is a natural extension of CAIA's mission to provide solutions to specific market needs for alternative investment education. For more information on the fAi Program, please refer to www.caia.org/fundamentals. For more about the CAIA Association, please refer to www.caia.org.

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