

## 100 WOMEN IN HEDGE FUNDS ANNOUNCES 2016 NEW GLOBAL ASSOCIATION BOARD LEADERSHIP ALONG WITH ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES

Sonia Gardner Elected Chair of the Global Association Board and Lauren Malafronte Elected Vice Chair

New York, NY - December 21, 2015 - 100 Women in Hedge Funds ("100WHF") today announced the election of new Global Association Board Leadership for 2016, as well as the addition of new Global Association Board members and Advisory Council members. 100 Women in Hedge Funds (<a href="www.100womeninhedgefunds.org">www.100womeninhedgefunds.org</a>) 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.

100WHF's Global Association Board elected as its new Chair Sonia Gardner, the President, Managing Partner and co-founder of Avenue Capital. Lauren Malafronte, Managing Director of Scotiabank, was also elected as Vice Chair, effective as of January 1, 2016.

Mimi Drake, President of Permit Capital Advisers, and current Global Board Chair, will remain on the 100WHF Association Board. Ms. Drake said, "I am honored to have served as Global Chair for 100WHF for the past four years, and I am thrilled by all that we have achieved together. Our CEO, Board of Directors, and the over 13,000 members of the organization are an impressive group, and we are truly making a difference in the financial services industry. 100WHF is well-positioned for continued success in all of our areas of focus, and I am delighted to turn over the reins of the Global Board to Sonia Gardner. Sonia will do a terrific job leading the organization, and we are very fortunate to have her in this role."

On assuming the role of Global Chair of the Board of Directors, Sonia Gardner commented, "As a member of 100WHF since 2006, it's been an honor to be part of our transformation from a small group of women in hedge funds to a global membership of more than 13,000 professional women across financial services and beyond. I believe deeply in the work we do to make a difference both in our industry and our community through education, professional leverage, and philanthropy, and look forward to working with our CEO, Amanda Pullinger, our exceptional Board and our talented membership as we continue to grow in pursuit of our important mission. I am honored to be serving as Global Chair and am grateful to be following in the footsteps of Mimi Drake, who has done so many great things for the organization."

Sonia Gardner is President, Managing Partner and Co-Founder of Avenue Capital Group, a global alternative investment manager with over \$12.5 billion in assets under managements focused on distressed and undervalued debt and equity in the U.S., Europe, and Asia with ten offices across the globe. Ms. Gardner is the Partner in charge of managing the firm, and distressed investing has been the focus of her professional career over the last 29 years. Ms. Gardner is also Co-Founder of Amroc where she was a Senior Portfolio Manager responsible for investing the partners' capital. Prior to co-founding Amroc as an independent entity, she was General Counsel and Senior Managing Director of Amroc Investments, L.P., the predecessor firm associated with the Robert Bass Group, Inc. In addition to serving on the 100WHF Board, Ms. Gardner was the recipient of the 100WHF 2008 Industry Leadership Award. She is also a member of the Board of Trustees of The Mount Sinai Medical Center. She previously served on the Board of Directors of the Managed Funds Association (MFA) and its Executive Committee.

100 Women in Hedge Funds also announced the appointment of two new Global Association Board members and two new Advisory Council members: Elaine Crocker, President, Moore Capital Management, and Sara McKerihan, Managing Director, Citi Global Markets, will both join as 100WHF Global Association Board members as of January 1, 2016. Christina Bodden, Partner, Maples and Calder, and Amanda Tepper, CEO of Chestnut Advisory Group, will both join the 100WHF Advisory Council effective January 1, 2016.

## 100 Women in Hedge Funds Global Association Board Members (as of January 1, 2016)

## Amanda Pullinger 100WHF Chief Executive Officer

Sonia Gardner

President, Managing Partner and Co-Founder

Avenue Capital Group 100WHF Global Chair

Jane Abitanta

Founder and Principal Perceval Associates, Inc.

Charlotte Beyer Founder

Institute for Private Investors

Stephanie Breslow

Partner

Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP

Diana Cantor

Partner

Alternative Investment Management, LLC

Elaine Crocker President

Moore Capital Management

Mimi Drake President

Permit Capital Advisors, LLC

100WHF Executive Committee member - Secretary

Kristin M. Fox Founder and Principal FoxInspires LLC

Kathryn Graham

Head of Strategy Coordination

Universities Superannuation Scheme Ltd

100WHF London Board Chair

**Heather James** 

Principal, Director of Research Federal Street Partners, LLC Lauren Malafronte

Managing Director, Prime Services

Scotiabank

100WHF Global Vice Chair

Carol Kim

Managing Director The Blackstone Group 100WHF Co-Founder

Sara McKerihan Managing Director Citi Global Markets

Joanne Pace

Independent Board Director |

Senior Advisor, The Alberleen Group

Anne Popkin President

Symphony Asset Management

Judith Posnikoff

Co-Founder & Managing Director

**PAAMCO** 

Mindy M. Posoff

Founder, Traversent Capital Partners, LLC

Managing Director, Golden Seeds

Chair of 100WHF Advisory Council

Daphne Richards Managing Partner

Anson Way Advisors LLC

Diane Schrader Principal

Lionfish Capital LLC

Joan Werner Senior Director

New York Life Investments

100WHF Executive Committee member - Treasurer

## 100 Women in Hedge Funds Advisory Council members (as of January 1, 2016)

Christina Bodden Maples and Calder

Marta Cotton

Matarin Capital Management

Cynthia Harrington

Cynthia Harrington & Associates LLC

Frances Kinloch Barclays Wealth

Katy LeDoyen Observatory Group

Kristin Mott

MC Asset Management Americas, Ltd

Sophie Neuhut Twelve Capital AG Lisa Petrelli UBS

Amy Poster

Anita Hill Sands

Intuition Financial Placement

Paige Scott Sheffield Haworth

Amanda Tepper

Chestnut Advisory Group

Sara Terheggen

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP