

## 100 Women in Hedge Funds to honour Dame Amelia Fawcett DBE with its 2013 European Industry Leadership Award

London – 8 May, 2013 - 100 Women in Hedge Funds ("100WHF") today announces that Dame Amelia Fawcett DBE, will be awarded 100 Women in Hedge Funds' 2013 European Industry Leadership Award at its London Gala on 23 October, 2013.

Each year, the organisation identifies a woman whose professional talent, business ethic, and passion for investing help define and advance the hedge fund industry's standards of excellence.

"We are excited to recognise Dame Amelia Fawcett for her dedication to serving the financial services industry. Her experience as Chairman of the Hedge Fund Standards Board, her perspective on key operational, investor and regulatory issues and her dedication to advocacy of clear standards for the alternative investment industry have had a positive and resounding impact on the marketplace, for which we are genuinely appreciative," said Kristen Eshak Weldon, Chair, 100 Women in Hedge Funds London Ltd and Managing Director, Blackstone.

Past European Industry Leadership Award recipients include Leda Braga, BlueCrest Capital; Mina Gerowin, Paulson Europe; Gay Huey-Evans; Geraldine Sundstrom, Brevan Howard; Galia Velimukhametova, GLG; and Sandra Robertson, Oxford University Endowment Management Limited.

100WHF's Board of Directors selects a charitable organization for its philanthropic initiative on a rotating basis from women's and family health, mentoring and education programs. This year's theme is mentoring and net proceeds from the London Gala will be given to Action on Addiction as part of 100WHF's three-year partnership with The Charities Forum of The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and Prince Harry.

To purchase tickets or tables or inquire about sponsorship opportunities, please go to: <u>http://www.100womeninhedgefunds.org/pages/london\_gala\_attend.php</u>

## About Dame Amelia Fawcett DBE

Dame Amelia Fawcett is Chairman of the Hedge Fund Standards Board in London, Non-Executive Chairman of the Guardian Media Group plc in London, a Non-Executive Director of State Street Corporation in Boston, Massachusetts, USA and a Non-Executive Director of Investment AB Kinnevik in Stockholm, Sweden. In October 2012 she was appointed a Non-Executive Member of the Treasury Board. Until June 2010 she was Chairman of Pensions First LLP, a financial services and systems solutions business, based in London and prior to that Dame Amelia held senior roles at Morgan Stanley including Vice Chairman and Chief Operating Officer of European operations. Before joining Morgan Stanley, she was an attorney (in New York and Paris) at the New York-based law firm of Sullivan & Cromwell.

From June 2004 to 2009, Dame Amelia was a member of the Court of Directors of the Bank of England. In 2002 she was awarded a CBE and in 2010 she was awarded a DBE, in both instances for services to the finance industry. In addition, she received The Prince of Wales' Ambassador Award in 2004.

Dame Amelia is also Chairman of Trustees of the Prince of Wales's Charitable Foundation, a Governor of the London Business School, a Commissioner of the US-UK Fulbright Commission and a Trustee of Project Hope (UK).

Dame Amelia, a British and American citizen, was born in Boston, Massachusetts, USA in 1956. She has a degree in History from Wellesley (1978) and a law degree from the University of Virginia (1983). She was admitted to the New York Bar in 1984.

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

100 Women in Hedge Funds is a global, practitioner-driven non-profit organization serving over 12,000 alternative investment management investors and professionals through educational, professional leverage and philanthropic initiatives. Formed in 2001, 100 Women in Hedge Funds has hosted close to 400 events globally, connected more than 250 senior women through Peer Advisory Groups and raised nearly \$30 million for philanthropic causes in the areas of women's health, education and mentoring.

## About Action on Addiction (www.actiononaddiction.org.uk)

We are Action on Addiction. We take action to disarm addiction. Addiction is the biggest preventable killer in the UK. It destroys lives, breaks up families, harms communities and has a damaging impact on society as a whole. In some way it affects us all. We think it is important to take a dynamic and integrated approach to improving our understanding of addiction and our responses to it. We are the only charity working across the addiction field in research, prevention, treatment, professional education, support for families and children and campaigns. We are working hard to realise our vision of people free from addiction and its effects.