



BAGSHOT PARK

I am delighted to be with you tonight in my new role as Global Ambassador for 100 Women in Hedge Funds' Next Generation initiative.

I fully support 100WHF's goal of attracting, inspiring, mentoring and sponsoring young women interested in pursuing a career in the investment industry. I look forward to meeting the next generation of talented young women at events during my travels to 100WHF locations globally over the coming years.

100WHF's Celebrating Education - Investing in the Next Generation initiative that we are supporting tonight will enable 100WHF and its non-profit partners to focus efforts on outreach at universities and business schools. It will also provide educational opportunities and internship access points to support young women interested in joining the finance industry. It will also help 100WHF to develop and expand its own Next Generation peer network once these young women join the industry.

I wish you all an enjoyable evening and encourage you to support this important initiative.

**HRH The Countess of Wessex GCVO
Global Ambassador
100 Women in Hedge Funds' Next Generation initiative**