

# Women in Financial Markets Leadership Committee Update Report June 5, 2025

#### 2025 Committee Goals

# (including metric(s) to achieve by year end)

- 1. All cohorts organized and meet at least 6 times during 2025
- 2. Wolfpacks and mentorships filled by January and at least 2 check ins for each in 2025
- 3. WIFM conference in May 2025, featuring WIFM priorities and mission

#### 1. Key Activities

Summarize major initiatives and updates since the last meeting:

• All cohorts are meeting routinely and we have received positive feedback from many participants.

The 2025 conference occurred on May 21 and sold out over 2 weeks in advance with around 150 attendees.

#### 2. Progress & Impact

Provide concise updates on goals and outcomes:

- Progress: Conference complete.
- Impact Metrics: Survey results are overwhelmingly positive, especially regarding sessions and networking.

### 3. Challenges & Opportunities

Briefly outline:

- Challenges: We should find a bigger space for next year, provide more breaks, better backdrop for session, water on tables, potential for headshots perhaps.
- Opportunities: 1) Continue marketing post-event through website, gala, etc. 2) Follow up with speakers and attendees for sponsorship while conference is fresh.

# 4. Support Needed from the Board

Specify what is required from the board including any decisions needed:

• Good opportunity for board to focus on conference attendees for sponsorship.

#### **Women in Financial Markets**

#### **Events Committee Update Report**

Date: June 2025

#### **2025 Committee Goals**

(including metric(s) to achieve by year end)

- 1. 15 events Americas & APAC (including sponsor benefits)
- 2. Reduce no-show rate
- 3. Expand in new geographic locations

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- **Progress to Date:** 9 of 15 planned events completed (60% of annual goal)
- Attendance Metrics: Current attendance rate averaging 66% across all events
- **Geographic Expansion:** Hosted events in 6 cities (not including UK / EU) NY, Boston, DC, Orlando, Hong Kong, Singapore
- **Key Challenges:** 34% no-show rate; 5 sponsors with uncommitted marquee events

#### 1. KEY ACTIVITIES

#### SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED EVENTS

- February 12, Orlando Cleary Sponsored Lunch
  - Event: FIA/SIFMA Asset Management Derivatives Forum & WIFM Washington
     Update
  - Registrations: 115
  - o Attendees: 95
  - Show rate: 83% -- excellent

# • March, Virtual - Women's History Month Series

- o Format: 3 sessions featuring WIFM award winners and shortlisted individuals
- o Total registrants: 511 versus 312 in 2024 (across 4 events)
- o Total attendees: 294 versus 171 in 2024 (across 4 events)
- YoY attendance: increase of approximately 129%

# March 5, DC - Cleary Sponsored Event

- o Event: Navigating Change: Financial Services Under the New Administration
- Registrations: 80Attendees: 44
- o Attendees: 44
- o Show rate: 55%

# March 7, New York – New York Stock Exchange Closing Bell

# • March 24, Boston - JP Morgan Sponsored Event

o Event: Empowerment: Leadership and Self Advocacy

Registrations: 100Attendees: 59Show rate: 59%

# • March 25, New York - Deutsche Bank Speed Networking Event

Registrations: 141Attendees: 100Show rate: 71%

Note: DB expressed interest in hosting additional summer events

# • March 27, Hong Kong - Jefferies

 Event: Building Networks & Elevating Excellence: Female Trailblazers in Finance & Corporates

Registrations: 44Attendees: Unknown

#### • April 3, New York - S&P Marquee Event

Event: GenAl Discussion with Hina Shamsi (CTO, Morgan Stanley)

Registrations: 129Attendees: 64Show rate: 50%

Note: Excellent feedback on speaker quality

# • April 22, Singapore

o Event: Leading Through Disruption and Change

o Registrations: 99

Attendees: 75 from 43 companies

Show rate: 76%

#### **EVENT PLANNING IN-PROGRESS**

• June 5, New York - Options Group Marquee Event

• June 17, LA – TCW Marquee Event

• June 16-18, London - LSEG IDX Breakfast – Marquee Event

- June/July/August, Virtual Summer Leadership Series
- September TBD, New York DTCC Marquee Event
- September 25, New York Capital Group Marquee Event
- October TBD, Chicago CME Group Marquee Event
- November 12, Nomura conversations for event in NY
- Date TBD, Bloomberg conversations for event in Houston

#### SPONSORS WITH UNCOMMITTED MARQUEE EVENTS

- Bank of America
- ICE

#### 2. PROGRESS & IMPACT

- Event Calendar: 9 completed events with 9 more in active planning process
- Attendance Rate: Averaging 66% attendance across all events, below ideal target of 75%
- **Geographic Expansion:** Successfully hosted events in NY, Boston, DC, Orlando, Hong Kong and Singapore with plans for Chicago, and Houston.

#### 3. CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

#### Challenges

- **Sponsor Engagement:** 2 sponsors have not confirmed their marquee event, placing Q3-Q4 at greater risk of calendar congestion
- Attendance Reliability: Despite reminder emails and attendance policy notices, noshow rates remain at approximately 34%

#### **Opportunities**

• **Analytics Development:** Enhance data collection at events to better understand member preferences and engagement drivers via real-time survey.

#### 4. SUPPORT NEEDED FROM THE BOARD

#### **Sponsor Engagement**

• Request: Confirm Bank of America and ICE interest for marquee event and lock in dates for events still in planning phase.

### **Attendance Policy**

• Implement new attendance policy including: 3-strike system for no-shows (automatically placing them on the waitlist upon registration) and priority registration for reliable attendees.

#### **Women in Financial Markets**

# **Finance Committee Update Report**

Date: 6/2/25

#### 2025 Committee Goals

# (including metric(s) to achieve by year end)

- 4. Work closely with the Sponsorship Committee to align on fundraising goals and collect sponsorship funds in a timely manner
  - a. Target: Minimum: \$610K; Stretch Goal: \$825K
- 5. Propose and maintain oversight of budget and finances for WIFM. Work collaboratively with other Committees to support their financial needs
  - a. At a minimum meet budgeted revenue of \$644K & come in at or under the \$1.1mn expense budget
- 6. Complete annual tax filings and maintain not-for-profit status
  - a. Submit State of Delaware annual filing by March 1st
  - b. Submit IRS 990 and NYS tax filings by November 15

#### 1. Key Activities

Summarize major initiatives and updates since the last meeting:

- Received payments from five of the 23 2025 gala sponsors totalling \$80K. Total outstanding to date is \$350K.
  - Continuing to work on collecting the 2024 Barclays gala sponsorship money (\$20K).
  - WIFM Conference revenue totaled \$14.6K exceeding budget by 22%; related costs of \$26.2K came in 48% under budget; net event loss was \$11,6K vs expected loss of \$38K; last year's net conference loss was \$10.4K.

# 2. Progress & Impact

Provide concise updates on goals and outcomes:

- Progress:
  - Cash on hand as of May 31 is 769K; May YTD expenses totaled \$318K which is 28% to full-year budget; YTD Net Income is a loss of \$191K.
- Impact Metrics:
  - Current cash on hand net of reserves is sufficient to cover ~95% of remaining budgeted expense and outstanding 2024 payables.
  - 2025 Gala sponsorship commitments to date total \$430K from 23 sponsors.

#### 3. Challenges & Opportunities

#### • Challenges:

- Shortening the time between sponsorship commitment and receipt of funds to minimize use of reserves needed to cover our payment obligations.
- Properly setting up our platform to accept foreign funds from potential sponsors and /or members. Looking for legal counsel assistance.
- Opportunities:
  - Explore opportunities to diversify sources of revenue (e.g. membership fees)
- 4. Support Needed from the Board
- Assistance on the challenges noted above.

# Women in Financial Markets EU Committee Update Report

Date: June 5, 2025

#### 2025 Committee Goals

(including metric(s) to achieve by year end)

#### 1. Events/Leadership

EU Gala for 160 guests in November 2025

Attend 6 Conferences (one of which in Paris)

Host 2 Flagship Events (one of which in Paris)

Host 4 General Events, coordinate with Sponsorship/Leadership

Synch with global cttee to connect programming locally

#### 2. Membership/Sponsorship

Actively manage/engage with Sponsors with EU/UK presence Grow the membership, focusing specifically growth in Paris

#### 3. EU Working Group/Nomination Committee

Strengthen EU WG

Add EU Ambassadors/EU Board Member Options for Nom Ctte

#### 1. Key Activities

Summarize major initiatives and updates since the last meeting:

• [Highlight key activities or programs.]

# **Completed Events:**

- Derivatives Forum Networking Breakfast & Fireside Chat in Frankfurt Feb 26
- Derivatives Forum Inaugural German Dinner in Frankfurt Feb 25

- LSEG Market Close Ceremony to celebrate Women's History Month March 19 This marked WIFMs first time participating in the LSEG Market Close.
- ISDA AGM Panel in Amsterdam May 14

# **Upcoming Events:**

- Marex x WIFM Wolfpack Event in London Jun 5
- FIA IDX Breakfast in London Jun 17
- Leadership Webinar with Cambridge Judge Business School Jun 20
- Jefferies Breakfast Event in London Jul 3
- SocGen Event in Paris H1 TBC
- BNPP Event in London Sept TBC
- TradeTech FX in Barcelona Sept 16
- JPMAM Event in London Oct 2
- Fixed Income Leaders Summit (FILS) in Amsterdam Oct 15
- Bloomberg Event in London Oct 15
- ING Event in Amsterdam Oct TBC
- EU Gala in London Nov 12

# 2. Progress & Impact

Provide concise updates on goals and outcomes:

- Progress: [Summarize progress on key goals achieved since last meeting.]
- Impact Metrics: [Include participation numbers, testimonials, or relevant data.]

#### **Events**

- 20 senior women in attendance for the Derivatives Forum Inaugural German Dinner
- 40 women in attendance for the LSEG Market Close Ceremony
- 200 RSVPs for the upcoming Marex x WIFM Wolfpack Event
- 100 RSVPs for the upcoming FIA IDX Breakfast

# Membership

- 1.320 members in EMEA
  - 105 new members were added in Q1

#### 2025 Programming

- Out of 503 women in the **Wolfpack Program**, 115 total are based in the EU/UK (representing 23%)
- Out of 182 women in the Mentorship Program, 36 total are based in the EU/UK (representing 20%)

• Out of 102 women participating in our **Leadership Cohorts**, 16 are based in the EU/UK (representing 16%)

# 3. Challenges & Opportunities

Briefly outline:

- Challenges:
- Lack of Committee/Working Group support in Paris
- Lack of events in Paris
- Full event schedule in October/H2
- Rigour/Key person risk in the European WG and Ctte
- Fundraising Backdrop/Global vs Local investments into WIFM
- Temporary time constraints on 1 EU Board Member (Susi de Verdelon)
- Opportunities:
- Add 2 WG members based in Paris
- Identify and partner with 5 additional woman's networks
- Actively manage and engage with Sponsors who have EU/UK presence (candidates identified from 2025 list)
- Identify and agree bespoke EU/UK events for Platinum/Gold Sponsors

# 4. Support Needed from the Board

Specify what is required from the board including any decisions needed:

• We are securing a keynote speaker for the EU Gala on Nov 12. An ask was made to Francine Lacqua from Bloomberg.