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Women in
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Women in Finance Awards Ireland held in Dublin last night

Catherine Duffy of Northern Trust took home 'Woman of the Year Award'

"In Ireland's financial services industry, just 13% of those at Chief Executive level are women, according to data published by the 30% Club. The Women in Finance Awards came to Ireland with a clear message: to redress this gender imbalance by showcasing the achievements of women in the sector and identifying new role models. This is the responsibility of all members of the financial industry in Ireland and all the nominees at this event have made an enormous contribution to the furtherance of equality in the financial sector."

Commented **Darina Barrett, Partner KPMG**, who gave the headline address at the gala awards dinner held at the Clontarf Castle Hotel, Dublin.

Already established in London, the Women in Finance Awards is Europe's largest diversity initiative recognising the high-achievers, advocates, and role models for women in the sector. Organised

by GrowthBusiness.co.uk and What Investment magazine, this event rewards the exceptional achievement of women from across a broad range of finance sectors, including banking, venture capital, private equity, asset management, fintech, accountancy and law.

Niki Dowdall, Managing Director – Events & Marketing and main Board Director at Bonhill Group plc said:

“Darina’s speech centred around redesigning workplaces for better inclusion. She implored businesses to ‘fix the system’, and to not just focus on individuals. She suggested ways in which unconscious bias can be tackled; such as making CVs gender neutral, hanging pictures of female achievers up on the walls and to move women to new divisions when returning from maternity leave.”

“The 30% Club in Ireland, of which she is a founding member, and to which many of our female nominees belong, plays an incredible role in advancing women in the finance sector and promoting issues of gender and pay equality. We are grateful to the support provided by partners such as the Bank of Ireland, JP Morgan and Fidelity International.”

Dr Wendy Austin, a highly respected journalist and broadcaster, hosted the evening. She called on the nominees to become commentators in their respective areas of expertise and to ‘knock on the doors’ of broadcasters, newspapers and other media.

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Award winners as follows:

Rising Star of the Year	<i>Gracious Nyamupachitu, Citi</i>
CFO of the Year	<i>Ruth Fletcher, CurrencyFair</i>
Advocate of the Year	<i>Andrew Keating, Bank of Ireland Group</i>
Accountancy Leader of the Year	<i>Olwyn Alexander, PwC</i>
Fund Manager of the Year	<i>Elizabeth Geoghen, Goodbody Asset Management</i>
Financial Advisor / Wealth Manager of the Year	<i>Anya Cummins, Deloitte</i>
Banker of the Year	<i>Vicky Davies, Danske Bank</i>
Legal Advisor of the Year	<i>Tara Doyle, Matheson</i>
Insurance Leader of the Year	<i>Sylvia Cronin, Central Bank of Ireland</i>
Employer of the Year	<i>AIB Bank</i>
Ambassador of the Year	<i>Carol Andrews, BNY Mellon</i>
FinTech Champion of the Year	<i>Geraldine Gibson, AQMetrics</i>
Future CFO of the Year	<i>Adrienne Condon, Ammeon Ltd</i>
Woman of the Year	<i>Catherine Duffy, Northern Trust</i>

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