



**Women in Finance**

**PRESS RELEASE**

**The D. E. Shaw Group's Marianna Fassinotti Named Recipient of 100 Women in Finance's 2019 European Industry Leadership Award to be presented at London Gala on February 12, 2020**

London – 8 October 2019 – 100 Women in Finance (100WF), a global association of more than 15,000 professionals in the finance industry, announced today that Marianna Fassinotti will be presented with 100WF's 2019 European Industry Leadership Award at the organisation's annual London Gala on 12 February 2020 at Banqueting House, Whitehall, Westminster, Central London.

Ms. Fassinotti is a managing director at the D. E. Shaw group and a member of its Asset-Backed Strategies (ABS) investment unit. Ms. Fassinotti heads the Loans and Related Assets team within the ABS investment unit, and serves as co-portfolio manager of the firm's most recent intermediate-duration distressed credit fund. She operates out of the firm's London office.



*Marianna Fassinotti, 100 Women in Finance European Industry Leadership Award Recipient, 2019*

Each year, 100WF identifies a woman whose professional talent, business ethics and passion for investing help define and advance the industry's standards of excellence. In 2019, 100WF's fundraising theme is "Investing in the Next Generation," and accordingly, in identifying its honouree, the organization additionally emphasized the inspiration she would offer to the younger generation of female investment professionals.

100WF CEO Amanda Pullinger stated, "Marianna, both professionally and personally, is an industry leader whom the next generation will naturally see as a role model. Her credentials as a talented investor are unquestioned, and the example she sets for all aspiring portfolio managers – women and men – reflects our industry's highest ideals and is worthy of emulation."

Prior to joining the D. E. Shaw group in 2015, Ms. Fassinotti was a managing director at Siguler Guff & Company, LP, co-head of its distressed investment business, and co-portfolio manager of its distressed opportunities funds. Previous to that, Ms. Fassinotti was an associate director at UBS AG focusing on global distressed debt and special situations investments. She began her career as a research associate in residential mortgage-backed securities at Lehman Brothers.

Ms. Fassinotti received her A.B. in government, magna cum laude, from Harvard University, where she was awarded a Harvard College Scholarship for academic distinction, and earned an M.B.A. from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth (USA), where she was an Edward Tuck Scholar.

"We congratulate Marianna on receiving 100 Women in Finance's 2019 European Industry Leadership Award, a well-deserved honour that speaks to her strengths and achievements as a talented leader and investor," said Anne Dinning, a member of the D. E. Shaw group's Executive Committee. "The D. E. Shaw group is committed to building a firm that reflects the diversity of the world in which we live and work, and we applaud 100 Women in Finance's advocacy and empowerment of women in the global finance industry," she added.

To view past 100WF Industry Leadership Award honourees, please see [here](#).

Funds raised at the 100WF London Gala will benefit the organization's Investing in the Next Generation initiative, and specifically its UK program partner, Maths4Girls, a pilot programme designed to encourage girls ages 11 – 14 to pursue maths to the A-Levels, and to inspire them towards professional ambition via engagement with female role models from the finance industry. The Maths4Girls programme is produced by Founders4Schools, a registered UK charitable organization, in association with 100WF.

To purchase tickets or tables or inquire about sponsorship opportunities for the London Gala, please contact the [London Gala Committee](#).

To donate to and/or volunteer with Maths4Girls, please see [here](#).

## **About 100 Women in Finance**

100 Women in Finance's more than 15,000 members strengthen the global finance industry by empowering women to achieve their professional potential at each career stage. Its members inspire, equip and advocate for a new generation of industry leadership, in which women and men serve as investment professionals and executives, equal in achievement and impact. Through Education, Peer Engagement and Impact, the organisation furthers the progress of women who have chosen finance as a career, and enables their positive influence over pre-career young women.

## **About Founders4Schools and Maths4Girls**

Founders4Schools's (F4S) mission is to inspire students, particularly in disadvantaged schools, and to prepare them for the world of work, by connecting them with professionals from successful companies in their community and giving the young people a chance to develop social, employment and life skills regardless of their parental networks or school resources.

Maths4Girls, a F4S's programme in association with 100 Women in Finance, seeks to encourage girls to consider a career in the finance industry and to continue with maths at school to A'level so that a career in the industry is an option. Maths4Girls will connect educators with female professionals from the finance industry who will speak to girls in the classroom about their careers as well as the importance of maths for work and as a life skill. Maths4Girls role models from 100WF's membership will show a generation that girls' success in advanced maths is possible, creating a larger pool of qualified female candidates for careers in the finance industry and other sectors where maths skills are required.

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