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**2018 PEAK Award Honouree**

**Elisabeth Finch – Champion**

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The Association of Women in Finance is proud to honour Elisabeth Finch with the 2018 PEAK Award in the Champion category.

Elisabeth is a passionate and creative leader who relishes opportunities to bring alternative perspectives to her role as a Tax Services partner based in PwC's Vancouver office. She has worked for PwC – first in PwC UK's London office before transferring to BC in 2003 – for 21 years, advising multinational corporations on international tax and transfer pricing. A materials scientist by training, Elisabeth spent the first 11 years of her career in technical and commercial roles within the international metals and materials industry before beginning her work in transfer pricing. Throughout her 32-year career, Elisabeth has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to championing the advancement of women and helping women attain leadership roles. She's been a champion at work and in the community, on the Boards of Elektra Women's Choir and the VSO.

Elisabeth believes strongly in the value of diversity and the critical role of women in creating a better world, particularly through the realm of finance. She is instrumental in transforming PwC's culture through her commitment to diversity and inclusion (“D&I”) and women in leadership (“WIL”). In her 10 years as a Partner Elisabeth has provided leadership and executive sponsorship of D&I and WIL, in the BC region for PwC, and as chair of the Partner Admission Committee.

Under Elisabeth's leadership, PwC has become a more diverse and inclusive organization. In 2017, a record number of four BC-based female candidates were admitted into the PwC partnership, all of whom received mentoring from Elisabeth. The female to male partnership admission ratio in BC is nearly double the national average.

Well-respected amongst D&I leaders throughout BC for her tenacity, courage and diplomacy, Elisabeth's leadership and contribution to D&I extend beyond PwC. She is a frequent speaker at D&I events, including recent appearances at Ascent Canada's mentorship event, the We for She conference, and the Power of Mentoring.

Elisabeth's passion for all aspects of inclusion threads throughout her personal life, too. Elisabeth is a director on the board of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, where she works tirelessly to bridge the business and arts communities. She aims to be a role model in taking care of her mental and physical health, by singing with the internationally renowned Elektra Women's Choir, running and cycling.

Please join us in celebrating Elisabeth's accomplishments at the PEAK Awards Gala on May 9, 2018. Congratulations, Elisabeth!