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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Helen Steers Named First Woman of Finance**

We are delighted that Helen Steers was named First Woman in the Finance category in the 13<sup>th</sup> annual First Women Awards 2017 hosted last week in London. At a glittering and powerful celebration of the achievements of exceptional women across sectors from public service to business entrepreneurs, the Awards recognised women who have achieved their success “against all odds”, say the Awards’ organisers. They add: “These female trailblazers have broken glass ceilings, they work hard to remove barriers for other women and they are disrupting established industry norms through innovation.”

We were thrilled to have had a number of valued Pantheon clients and GPs with us to celebrate Helen’s well-deserved accolade at last Thursday’s ceremony. “I am truly honoured by this recognition – perhaps a little embarrassed even, given the extraordinarily talented finalists alongside me in the Finance category,” Helen commented last night.

Helen Steers leads Pantheon’s European Primary Investment Team and chairs Pantheon’s European Investment Committee. Additionally, Helen is the incumbent Chair of the British Venture Capital and Private Equity Association for the 2017/2018 year during which tenure she has pledged to focus on representing the voice and priorities of investors on the one hand; and on the other hand, in partnership with GPs, presenting a concise and compelling case for the contribution private equity can make to investment returns via its super-active management model; and to represent the interests of our diverse industry in the preparations for Brexit. Until this month, Helen has been a Board member and Chair of InvestEurope’s LP Platform, providing an additional opportunity to engage and represent the private equity industry in Brexit negotiations from Brussels.



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Helen was instrumental in driving Pantheon to become one of the earliest signatories of the UN Principles for Responsible Investment and has since been at the forefront of encouraging and inspiring GPs to adopt sound ESG practices within their investment processes. Highly energetic, Helen is also a co-founder of Level 20, the not-for-profit organisation formed to inspire women to join and succeed in the private equity industry. A committed advocate of diversity within private equity, Helen is a Champion of Pantheon's Diversity & Leadership Group, which last year drove the initiative to publish Pantheon's gender profile.

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## Notes to Editors

### About the Awards

Since its launch in 2005 the First Women Awards have grown in influence and impact, leading the way in recognising and celebrating the many achievements of exceptional women. You can review all the Awards 2017 categories, finalists and winners as well as the background to the awards and their selection process and judges [here](#). The Awards opened for nomination in March 2017, and Helen Steers was named to the shortlist in the Finance category in mid-April. Helen was interviewed by representatives from the 37 members of the judging committee in May, resulting in her being included as a finalist in the Finance category.

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