

## Association for Women in Cryptocurrency Thanks Sponsors for their Founding Support

Washington, D.C., April 6, 2023 - The Association for Women in Cryptocurrency (AWIC) is proud to announce its list of generous founding sponsors who have contributed to the growth of its mission. AWIC recognizes that its work would not be possible without the financial support of its sponsors.

The sponsors are organized into four categories: Change Makers, Pillars, Supporters, and Allies. They are companies and firms that have demonstrated a commitment to promoting inclusion in the digital asset ecosystem.

- **Change Makers:** [BDO](#), [Norton Rose Fulbright](#)
- **Pillars:** [Ripple](#)
- **Supporters:** [Lockton](#), [Hummingbird](#), [Bracewell LLP](#), [Value Technology Foundation](#)
- **Allies:** [Levy Firestone Muse LLP](#), [Asset Reality](#), [TRM Labs](#), [TaxBit](#)

“It is great to see AWIC championing the inclusion and advancement of women across the crypto sector. Our global digital assets practice is immensely proud to be supporting these efforts and looks forward to hosting many of AWIC’s events around the world in 2023,” added Hannah Meakin, Partner and Head of FinTech regulation at Norton Rose Fulbright, London.

In its first six months, the organization has held 18 in-person events worldwide since its launch event on October 5, 2022, in San Jose, California. Eleven events took place in U.S. cities, including San Jose, New York City, Washington D.C., San Francisco, and Chicago, as well as in seven international cities, including Bangkok, Singapore, Zurich, London and Lisbon. AWIC also hosted a successful virtual happy hour on [Toucan](#), a social networking platform, with more than 60 participants joining from around the world.

“In the work we do globally, we see first-hand how the public and private sector lacks the talent it needs to recover seized assets, often due to a lack of training and resources. The association’s mission complements our own and we’ve seen the effectiveness already by utilizing the network and providing valuable support to our own senior leadership team,” said Aidan Larken, Founder and CEO of Asset Reality. “We look forward to continuing to work together to enhance knowledge and ensure equal opportunities for women in the sector.”

A pillar of AWIC’s work is helping conferences around the world increase diversity in their programming by providing suggested speakers from its membership roster. AWIC is regularly hosting panels and events where its members have been invited to speak, which provides them with the opportunity to showcase their knowledge while educating other women and male allies in the industry.

“Diversity and inclusion empowers the best people to bring forward valuable ideas and fresh perspectives and is an essential component of risk management,” added Sarah Downey, leader of Lockton’s Emerging Asset Protection (LEAP) team. “Lockton is proud to support AWIC’s

mission as we continue our focus on helping digital asset ecosystem participants understand their risk exposures and build effective insurance programs.”

“We’re thrilled to support a platform for digital assets that is creating a community for women across the globe to learn, share and grow,” said Mansi Mehta, Director, Forensics at BDO USA. “Our collaboration with AWIC helps us inspire and connect women in the industry to strengthen the crypto ecosystem by incorporating risk, control and compliance measures.”

The sponsors’ financial support will also allow the organization to continue providing programming worldwide. In 2023, AWIC will host networking and professional development events in conjunction with major global conferences including Consensus, Money 20/20 Europe, and Singapore Fintech Festival. The organization also plans to hold quarterly association meetings in its five major hub cities: San Francisco, New York, Washington D.C., London, and Singapore, as well as multiple virtual webinars and networking sessions on topics such as media training, corporate presence and how to fight unconscious bias. AWIC’s next event is a [virtual webinar about self-promotion scheduled for April 12](#).

The organization plans to launch a monthly podcast sponsored by Bracewell LLP. The podcast will feature members of AWIC that are subject matter experts in crypto, blockchain and web3, raising their profiles and showcasing the incredibly talented women in these industries.

“Bracewell is proud to support AWIC as they bring great minds together to spark conversation about some of the most important and exciting issues in the industry,” said Seth DuCharme, a Partner at Bracewell LLP, former Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General at the Department of Justice, and co-host of the Bracewell Crypto Bits podcast.

AWIC’s founding sponsors have also enabled the organization to welcome additional talent to its leadership team. AWIC is thrilled to announce the appointment of Clark Flynt-Barr as Chief Operating Officer.

Clark is a seasoned professional with more than 12 years of experience across a variety of sectors. Before joining AWIC, she led U.S. government affairs and policy engagement efforts at Chainalysis. Clark was also previously a project manager at Guidehouse, served as an Intelligence Analyst at the FBI and worked for Senator Patrick J. Leahy (D-VT) on the Senate Judiciary Committee. Her impressive breadth and expertise in building strong relationships with lawmakers and stakeholders to advance policy objectives will be invaluable to AWIC as it advocates to ensure that women have an equal role in the future of web3.

For more information, visit the Association for Women in Cryptocurrency's [website](#).

###

Contact information: [contact@womenincrypto.org](mailto:contact@womenincrypto.org)