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**New Pension industry network launched to help female leaders connect and collaborate**

The Female Forum, a network for professional women founded in 2022, today launched its first industry-specific initiative 'Pension Chapter' at a breakfast event in London. The Pension Chapter aims to create a strategic network for female professionals within the pensions industry. The network will involve quarterly thematic industry roundtable events, providing a unique opportunity for female leaders in the pensions industry to discuss industry-specific themes in an intimate and collaborative environment.

The Female Forum is a social-impact-driven network for professional women whose mission is to work towards UN SDG #5 Gender Equality and UN SDG #17 Partnership towards the Goals. Headquartered in London with members across industries, backgrounds, and countries, it was founded in 2022 by Nora Stolz with the goal of providing a forum dedicated to professional women who want to connect, learn, and collaborate with professionals across company silos.

LCP, Janus Henderson Investors and Sackers are corporate partners for the Pension Chapter.

The first Pension Chapter event was held today at LCP's offices. The guest speaker was Zoë Burdo, Partner at LCP, and the topic was '*Good governance and the importance of diversity of thoughts.*' The session focused on how to leverage your individual position to spark conversations of change in the boardroom.

**The Female Forum founder & CEO Nora Stolz, commented:** "Our purpose at The Female Forum is to create a professional world female leaders can believe in and thrive. The launch of the Pension Chapter is the first in our industry collaboration programme, and what an industry to start with! It's full of knowledgeable and vibrant women working on often complex and multifaceted issues. We hope our events will provide a useful forum to discuss technical issues as well as to forge close connections with other women."

**Nathalie Sims, Partner at LCP, added:** "It was a privilege for LCP to host the inaugural event. We had an open and frank conversation about a wide range of issues around governance and diversity, and it was inspiring to be in a room fizzing with so much energy and intelligence."

**Eleanor Daplyn, Partner at Sackers, commented:** "We are delighted to be supporting the Female Forum as a corporate partner. Sackers is a diverse and inclusive firm, but we recognise that not all firms have the same mindset and that there is much more that we can do as an industry to drive positive change. We look forward to working with The Female Forum as part of that process."

**Charley Smith, Director of Institutional Business at Janus Henderson Investors, said:** "It's so important to have a forum for women in the pensions industry to encourage and challenge each other. I'm thrilled that, as a firm, we are supporting the Pension Chapter and helping to bring together a community of interesting and influential women across different roles within the industry."

You can see more about the network here:

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