

PRESS RELEASE**WOLF THEISS EMPOWERS WOMEN IN BUSINESS**

Warsaw, 19 June 2018 – Women leaders, entrepreneurs and investors gathered in Warsaw on June 14 to discuss business opportunities and expand their professional networks at a meeting organized jointly by Wolf Theiss, the Women’s Entrepreneurship Foundation (Fundacja Przedsiębiorczości Kobiet) and Black Swan Fund.

The meeting, which used an informal business mixer format designed to encourage over 200 participants to make new acquaintances while providing an opportunity to catch up with current contacts in a relaxed setting, was part of a series of events organized by the international law firm Wolf Theiss and its partner organizations.

“Empowering women is in Wolf Theiss’ DNA,” said Karolina Stawowska, a Partner at Wolf Theiss Warsaw and Head of its Tax Practice Group. “Meet-ups such as this provide a dynamic opportunity to exchange business ideas, deepen relationships with talented mentors and encourage other women to seize opportunities in business.”

For many years, Wolf Theiss has been contributing to the professional development of women in CEE. The firm has won Euromoney’s “European Women in Business Law Awards” numerous times and has recently been named “Best in Austria” and “Best in Croatia” in 2018. The award honors law firms that demonstrate the best initiatives for gender diversity, innovation, minority women, mentoring, work-life balance, pro bono work and talent management.

In Poland this takes the form of collaboration with the Women’s Entrepreneurship Foundation and Black Swan Fund, which operate programs aiming to help women establish their own businesses, gain external financing and enter new markets.

“Our objective is to support women in strengthening their leadership skills,” said Katarzyna Wierzbowska, President of the Board of the Women’s Entrepreneurship Foundation and co-founder of Black Swan Fund. “Over the past two years we have been working closely with Wolf Theiss to create networking opportunities for the mentors and investors of Black Swan Fund.”

The Foundation and Wolf Theiss have organized a number of conferences and networking events for women investors. This most recent event was a meeting of mentors from the Women’s Entrepreneurship Network (Sieć Przedsiębiorczych Kobiet) and women investors from Black Swan Fund.

“We need to take advantage of opportunities to gain newfound inspiration and to build networks that allow us to support one another in our professional

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development,” said Andrea Miskolczi, Chief Business Development & Marketing Officer at Wolf Theiss Vienna. Marta Niedzialek, Operations and Marketing Communications Manager of Wolf Theiss Warsaw, added: “Finding a group of like-minded women who can provide mentoring and other resources is one of the keys to success in business.”

ABOUT WOLF THEISS

Wolf Theiss is one of the leading European law firms in Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe with a focus on international business law. With 340 lawyers in 13 offices located in Albania, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia and Ukraine, Wolf Theiss represents local and international industrial, trade and service companies, as well as banks and insurance companies. Combining law and business, Wolf Theiss develops comprehensive and constructive solutions on the basis of legal, fiscal and business know-how.

ABOUT FOUNDATION FOR WOMEN’S ENTREPRENEURSHIP (FUNDACJA PRZEDSIĘBIORCZOŚCI Kobiet)

Foundation for Women’s Entrepreneurship (Fundacja Przedsiębiorczości Kobiet) is the largest non-profit organization in Poland funded to promote entrepreneurship through education, business mentoring and networking among women of all ages. The Foundation supports women entrepreneurs who either seek to launch a new business or strive to improve their already-existing company. The aim of the Foundation is also inspiring and motivating women, showing good practices and encouraging them to take their fate into their own hands. More information: <http://www.siecprzedsiębiorczychkobiet.pl>

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