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PwC's Marie O'Connor to Receive the Ireland-U.S. Council's 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award at MidSummer Gala Dinner in Dublin Castle on Friday, June 24

New York, NY; March 31, 2016: *The Ireland-U.S. Council will present its Lifetime Achievement Award in 2016 to Marie O'Connor, Partner in PwC in Ireland. The Award will mark her notable and important achievements in building the business bonds between America and Ireland and will be the centerpiece of the Council's 2016 MidSummer Gala Dinner to be held in Dublin Castle on Friday, June 24, 2016.*



Marie O'Connor
Partner
*PricewaterhouseCoopers
Ireland*

Brian W. Stack, the President of the Council based in New York, said "We are delighted this year to present the Council's *Lifetime Achievement Award* to Marie O'Connor. The members and directors of the Council are delighted to honour such an outstanding and worthy recipient with an award that is so richly-deserved. The Council is pleased to mark the unique and positive contributions which she has made in forging important business connections between the United States and Ireland throughout her successful business career.

Marie O'Connor was the first woman to be admitted as a partner of Price Waterhouse in Ireland 30 years ago. She has specialised in audit and business advisory services to the financial services industry. She has displayed unparalleled skills in bringing people together to further the interests of foreign direct investment from the USA to Ireland. Marie led PwC's Irish Funds and Asset Management practice for 12 years and was also a member of the PwC's Global Asset Management leadership team. She has advised some of Dublin's most successful investment fund structures and many leading U.S. asset management groups on establishing operations in Ireland.

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Marie O'Connor has been appointed to the boards of several high-profile State organizations by the Irish Government. These have included directorships at Dublin Airport Authority and IDA Ireland and membership of the Top Level Appointment Committee, among others. She has been a board member of the Ireland-U.S. Council for many years, serves on the Funds Raising Advisory Committee for the Irish Cancer Society and the President's Advisory Board at UCD. Marie leads the 30% Club in Ireland – which is a group of Chairs and CEO's committed to better gender balance at all levels of their organisations through voluntary actions. She is a Fellow of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants, and is also qualified as a Barrister.

The Ireland-U.S. Council was founded by business leaders in the United States and in Ireland. It is the premier transatlantic business organization that encourages and promotes business between Ireland and the United States and was established in the Fall of 1962. Its founding was in preparation for the visit of President John F. Kennedy to Ireland in the Spring of 1963, as a measure to build institutional form around a structure to improve business, economic and commercial relations between the two countries.

The Council operates a variety of scholarship and internship programs, stages seminars and hosts frequent events in Ireland and in America aimed at developing communications and dialogue between business and political leaders on both sides of the Atlantic.

The Ireland-U.S. Council is a non-profit organization and has no partisan, political aims or affiliations. The Council's membership ranks are comprised predominantly of senior executives in business and financial corporations in America and in Ireland. As part of its platform, the Council also supports and sponsors many initiatives in the arts. The Council is headquartered in New York City and has an office in Dublin.

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