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STEP PRIVATE CLIENT AWARDS 2012/13

CERIS Gardner TEP of Maurice Turnor Gardner was named Trusted Advisor of the Year at the STEP Private Client Awards in September. Paul Stibbard TEP of Rothschild received the Lifetime Achievement Award, and Martin Randall of HMRC and Prof Dr Xavier Oberson TEP of Oberson Avocats both won the Geoffrey Shindler Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Profession.

Nearly 700 professionals gathered for the seventh annual Awards at the London Hilton

on Park Lane hotel, hosted by former BBC reporter Kate Adie OBE. For the first time, STEP had a live Twitter feed announcing the winners, and the event was filmed.

Chair of the Presiding Judges Martyn Gower TEP opened the ceremony and said the standard of entries this year showed what an excellent service the private client industry provides. 'Just being shortlisted is a great achievement, so the firms and individuals who won should be very proud indeed,' he said.

The event supported Feed the Minds for the second year, raising a further GBP56,623 for the international charity.

STEP was pleased to have the support of sponsors AP Executive, Butterfield Trust, Citi Private Bank, GAM, Hawksford, Hottinger & Partners SA, IFG International Ltd, Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP, Kleinwort Benson, Mercator Trust Company Ltd, Northern Trust, Ogier Private Wealth, Stonehage Group, Towry, Virtus Trust Group and Vistra.

THE WINNERS

UK AND IRELAND

- Accountancy Team of the Year: *Sopher + Co*
- Boutique Firm of the Year: *Toby Harris Tax Consultants*
- Charity Team of the Year: *Farrer & Co*
- Contentious Trust and Estates Team of the Year: *Bircham Dyson Bell*
- London Legal Team of the Year: *Taylor Wessing*
- UK and Ireland Regional Team of the Year: *Gordons LLP*

WORLDWIDE

- Chambers of the Year: *XXIV Old Buildings*
- Independent Financial Advisor Team of the Year: *John Lamb*

- Institutional Trust Team of the Year: *Messrs Hoare Trustees*
- International Legal Team of the Year: *Ogier*
- Investment Team of the Year: *Rothschild*
- Multi-Family Office Team of the Year: *VALUEworks*
- Owner-Managed Trust Team of the Year: *Hawksford*
- Philanthropy Team of the Year: *wise – philanthropy advisors*
- Private Banking Team of the Year: *C Hoare & Co*
- Private Investment Office of the Year: *Stanhope Capital*
- Trusted Advisor of the Year: *Ceris Gardner TEP, Maurice Turnor Gardner*

NORTH AMERICAN CATEGORY

- North American Team of the Year: *Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP*

SPECIAL AWARDS

- The Geoffrey Shindler Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Profession: *Martin Randall, HMRC; Xavier Oberson, Oberson Avocats*
- Lifetime Achievement Award: *Paul Stibbard TEP, Rothschild*

View photos and the film at
www.step.org/awards

All the winners will be profiled
in November's STEP Journal

STEP MOVES

■ **ROBERT FIELDING TEP** of D'Angibau LLP Solicitors has succeeded Lee Young TEP of Frettons LLP as Chair of STEP Bournemouth

■ **NAYUR ZAHOR TEP** of Harold G Walker Solicitors has succeeded David Laphorn TEP of Ward Goodman as Treasurer of STEP Bournemouth

■ **PAULA SHEA TEP** of Lester Aldridge LLP Solicitors has become Student Liaison Officer for STEP Bournemouth

■ **DAVID MORELY TEP** has succeeded Margaret Grundy TEP of the Co-operative Trust Corporation as Vice Chair of STEP Bristol

■ **CLAIRE HOROWITZ TEP** of AMD Solicitors has succeeded Andrew Wareham TEP of Gregg Latchams LLP as Student Liaison Officer of STEP Bristol

■ **CINDY RADU TEP** of WaterStreet Family Office has succeeded Nadja Ibrahim TEP of PricewaterhouseCoopers as Chair & Education Officer of STEP Calgary

■ **MELANIE McDONALD TEP** of Borden Ladner Gervais LLP has succeeded Cindy Radu TEP of WaterStreet Family Office as Secretary of STEP Calgary

■ **SANDRA MAH TEP** of Gowlings LLP, Carl Scholz TEP of Catalyst LLP and Esmail Bharwani TEP of RPO Silversprings have become Programme Officers of STEP Calgary

■ **DAVID BLOM TEP** of Carey Management Inc has become Branch Sponsorship Officer of STEP Calgary

ALL CHANGE AT TQR

AFTER five years of service as Editor of the *Trust Quarterly Review*, John Smart has stepped down following his appointment as a District Judge. John has been an enthusiastic and committed member of the editorial team, and he will be missed.

Arabella Murphy has temporarily left on maternity leave and Ed Powles of Maurice Turnor Gardner has stepped in. Ed advises on commercial and private client matters.

STEP is currently considering new Editors for the TQR and will announce these in due course.