

VALUEworks wins prestigious Multi-Family Office of the Year Award - Swiss private wealth advisors recognised on international stage

Zurich, 27 September 2012 - VALUEworks, a Swiss multi-family office based in Zurich, has been named Multi-Family Office Team of the Year at the prestigious STEP Private Client Awards 2012/2013 held in London on the 19th of September. The STEP Awards is the international private wealth industry's main event to honour its best advisors. The Multi-Family Office Team of the Year Award honours the most outstanding firm dedicated to serving the comprehensive needs of international families.

VALUEworks is the first Swiss multi-family office to collect the coveted award, besting four finalists in a rigorous, practitioner-led three-stage judging process. In its citation, the Presiding Judges highlighted that VALUEworks' team is able to deliver a broad range of services to its clients through its profound expertise and close collaboration with trusted partners. In particular, the judges lauded VALUEworks' family governance and philanthropy advisory for "being at the heart of its services, just as they are often at the heart of the families it serves. At a time when the private wealth industry is coming under significant scrutiny, our winner's approach and ethos also demonstrate an awareness of the environment they operate in and a commitment to giving back to the wider community."

For Kecia Barkawi-Hauser, founder of VALUEworks, the Award is "proof that the company has rightly positioned itself by providing a wide-range of holistic and highly personalised services to entrepreneurial families. **As a forward-thinking firm, we have made a commitment to go beyond traditional wealth and estate planning to focus on preserving wealth alongside family values, and financial security alongside social responsibility.**"

In addition, VALUEworks was a forerunner for Philanthropy Team of the Year, an honour taken home by the Geneva-based WISE, philanthropy advisors. The Swiss winners also included Professor Xavier Oberson of the University of Geneva who received the "Geoffrey Shindler Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Profession". The strong showing of Swiss firms at this year's STEP Private Client Awards highlighted the country's continued leadership in financial advisory.

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About VALUEworks

VALUEworks is an independent, management-owned multi-family office providing a select clientele with bespoke services in international wealth management, estate planning, real estate, family governance and philanthropy as well as lifestyle and concierge services. VALUEworks was founded in 2004 by Kecia Barkawi-Hauser, who has 20 years of professional experience in the private client sector. VALUEworks is based in Zurich and staffed by a diverse, multi-lingual team of specialists attuned to the needs of global families. (www.valueworks.ch)

About the STEP Private Client Awards

The STEP Private Client Awards are given by the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP). With over 17,500 members in 84 countries, STEP is the leading worldwide professional body for practitioners in the fields of trusts, estates and related issues. STEP members help families plan their long term financial future, facilitating good stewardship and financial planning across future generations. STEP members also help families comply with the often complex tax rules surrounding trusts, estates and inheritance. (www.step.org)



Ralph Baumann & Kecia Barkawi receive the prestigious Multi-Family Office of the Year Award



with the Philanthropy-Team Valerie Remoquillo Jenni & Caroline Raeber-Piraud



The STEP Private Client Awards 2012/2013 winners gathered in London