

# Event Report

## Networking Cocktail & Dinner in London

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18:00-21:00 GMT



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On 11 January, WIL Europe organised a Networking Cocktail and Dinner in partnership with Osborne Clarke. Held at The Westin London City, the event was a night filled with insight and meaningful exchanges: the first part kicked off with opening remarks by Thaima Samman, WIL President and Partner at SAMMAN Law & Corporate Affairs, and was followed by a discussion between Charlotte West, Executive Director for Global Communications at Lenovo, Board Director at the Lenovo Foundation and WIL Member, and Julie Baker, Head of Enterprise and Climate Engagement at NatWest, with moderation by Omar Al-Nuaimi, International CEO at Osborne Clarke. The second part of the event involved a networking dinner where guests and speakers had the chance to mingle.



Panel Debate



Q&A



Networking  
Session



80 participants

## Exchange with Julie Baker and Charlotte West, moderated by Omar Al-Nuaimi

After a welcome drink, Thaima Samman opened the session and introduced the panel moderator, Omar Al-Nuaimi. During the lively exchange between Charlotte and Julie, they spoke about the pivotal moments in their career, and explained why their respective companies had put D&I at the heart of



their business strategies, and how. Julie also commented on NatWest's commitment to investing in entrepreneurs, and the impact of the appointment of Alison Rose, the first woman to lead one of Britain's biggest banks, as CEO. This was followed by a Q&A with the audience, made up of leaders from WIL Europe, Osborne Clarke and their guests.

## Networking Dinner

The event culminated in a networking dinner, where the senior and emerging leaders from across sectors had the chance to get to know each other and share insights following the discussion.



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