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Charity and philanthropy professionals honoured at STEP awards

Farrer & Co scoops award for charity legal team.



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Farrer & Co has won Charity Team of the Year at the STEP Private Client Awards 2012/13, covering the private wealth sector. At the same event in London on 21 September, wise - philanthropy advisors won Philanthropy Team of the Year, while VALUEworks won the award for Multi-Family Office Team.

Entries were subject to a practitioner-led three-stage judging process. The panel of presiding judges was chaired by Martyn Gowar, a partner in the law firm of McDermott Will & Emery UK LLP.

With regard to the selection of Farrer & Co, the presiding judges noted that, "Of all the entrants, they have the strongest team of charity specialists and have several well-known national charities among their clientele. In addition to this, the members of their team contribute much to the wider charitable sector by their involvement in the Charity Law Association and several charity-law publications."

Nearly 700 private client professionals attended the event at the London Hilton on Park Lane, which raised £56,623 for the international charity Feed the Minds.

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