

DPI wins prestigious PEWIN International Female Founded Firm of the Year 2020

London, 28 September 2020 - Development Partners International (“DPI”), a leading Pan-African private equity firm with a strong track record of investing across the continent, is pleased to announce that it has been awarded the International Female Founded Firm of the Year 2020 by Private Equity Women Investor Network (PEWIN), the pre-eminent organisation for senior-level women investment professionals in private equity. The PEWIN annual awards programme recognises outstanding organisations who are transforming the private equity industry by supporting increased gender diversity. This award is given annually to outstanding firms that are founded and partly owned by a woman or women and that manage third party capital. PEWIN members (600+) nominated the firms and the Steering Committee voted on these nominations.

Runa Alam, co-founder and CEO of DPI, commented, “This award is a testament to DPI’s pioneering work to increase diversity in the private equity sector. DPI’s success is an indication we can deliver commercial returns to investors, while companies can make a positive impact both in their surrounding industries and the communities in which it invests.”

PEWIN’s members commented, “We recognise that DPI plays a leadership role in countless organisations and industry initiatives that celebrate and promote diversity and responsible investment. DPI is a pan-African private equity firm where 40% of the team are women and 50% of the partnership are women. As co-founder and CEO, Runa Alam, has made an extraordinary contribution to advancing women in our industry.”

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About DPI

Development Partners International LLP (DPI) is a Pan-African private equity firm that invests in companies benefiting from the fast-growing emerging middle class in Africa with \$1.7 bn in AUM. DPI has invested in 21 portfolio companies operating across over 30 countries. As a signatory to the UN PRI, DPI promotes high ESG and Impact standards and seeks to contribute to the UN Sustainable Development Goals. DPI is also one of the first African fund to become a signatory of the IFC Operating Principles for Impact Management. DPI has developed an innovative Impact and ESG Management System and key impact themes will focus on:

- Job Quality: SDG 8
- Climate change: SDG 13
- Gender balance: SDG 5

About PEWIN

Private Equity Women Investor Network (PEWIN) is an organisation that provides an intimate forum for senior women general partners, limited partners and private equity professionals to network, share investment ideas, explore potential opportunities to work together and increase the profile of female leaders in our industry. Founded in 2008, this invitation-only group currently has over 700 members globally at the most senior levels of their respective firms. PEWIN members manage over \$4 Trillion AUM, becoming a natural network for its many women investment professionals. Our members gain unprecedented access to high-profile CIOs, including through several CIO Roundtable events throughout the year in various locations.