At Mayer Brown International LLP, we are committed to the principle of equal opportunities and equal treatment for all employees. Our approach is simple, to recruit, reward, retain and develop people with regard to ability only. Independent benchmarking and our rigorous processes around compensation structures ensure our employees are paid equally for equivalent roles.

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While we work hard to narrow the gender pay gap, the gap illustrated in the lower band pay quartiles above are reflective of a significantly higher number of female employees in our Business Service and Secretarial roles.
Bonus Gap

In 2018 we paid out more and higher bonus awards compared to 2017 for both men and women in the fee earning and business service functions. However, our 2018 data demonstrates that a gender bonus gap remains. This has proven challenging for a number of reasons:

- The nature of the business enables fee earners to earn higher bonus awards than business service employees and while we have a fairly even gender split between fee earners the majority of our business service employees are female.
- The methodology of the bonus gap calculation is based on actual awards rather than full time equivalents and most of our part-time employees are female.

What have we been doing to address our gender pay gap?

We take our responsibility to promote diversity and equal opportunities very seriously and are committed to achieving a greater gender balance at all levels within the firm. Below are some examples of the work we have been doing to address our gender pay gap.

- Instigated structural changes to the firm’s leadership framework to help promote more women into leadership roles and facilitate more frequent rotation of people within these roles.
- Implemented a global Talent Development Plan, which holds the firm’s values and diversity and inclusion at its core.
- Working internally as well as engaging externally with a number of bodies to support women’s development, improve networking opportunities, provide mentoring, career coaching and transparency in the partner promotion process.
- Fifty percent of our Income Partner promotions in 2018 were women.
- Developed an alumni programme and partnering with external bodies to support alternative flexible working arrangements and assist women returning to work after long periods of absence.
- Reviewing our internal working policies, such as time recording and work allocation, to remove any potential biases.
- Promoting and encouraging the use of our flexible working initiatives and reviewing our family-friendly policies.
- Provide mandatory Respect at Work training and Unconscious Bias training.
- Continue to work closely with our women’s network, which is extremely active in the promotion of female talent.

I confirm that the data in this report is accurate.

Sally Davies,
Senior Partner