



## **The Investor Forum appoints board and publishes discussion paper**

The Investor Forum has appointed thirteen new Directors to its Board and published a discussion paper on its key principles and approach to engagement. It has also launched its new website, [www.investorforum.org.uk](http://www.investorforum.org.uk). The [discussion paper](#) was launched at an event hosted by Vince Cable, Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills.

The paper also articulates the Forum's purpose of positioning stewardship at the heart of investment decision making by facilitating dialogue, creating long-term solutions and enhancing value.

The Forum's key objectives are to:

- Make the case for long-term investment approaches
- Create an effective model for collective engagement with UK companies

In addition to the articulation of the purpose and objectives of the Forum, thirteen board members have been appointed to work with the Chairman and Executive Director. The Forum's board comprises:

Simon Fraser - Chairman

Andy Griffiths - Executive Director

Edward Bonham Carter - Vice Chairman, Jupiter Asset Management

Mark Burgess - Chief Investment Officer, Threadneedle Investments

Daniel Godfrey - Chief Executive, Investment Management Association

Chris Hitchen - Chief Executive, Railways Pension Trustee Company Ltd.

Virginia Holmes - Chair, USS Investment Management Ltd.

Professor John Kay - Economist and Author

Ida Levine - Director and Senior Counsel, Capital International Limited (part of the Capital Group)

David Lis - Chief Investment Officer, Equities and Multi Assets, Aviva Investors

Nicholas Moakes - Managing Director, Investment Division, The Wellcome Trust

Anne Richards CVO - Global Chief Investment Officer, Aberdeen Asset Management PLC

Sacha Sadan - Director of Corporate Governance, Legal & General Investment Management

Robert Swannell - Chairman, Marks & Spencer plc

Lindsay Tomlinson - Non-Executive Director, Legal & General Group plc

Simon Fraser, Chairman of the Investor Forum, said:

*"I am delighted by the support the Investor Forum has received from across the industry. The calibre and experience of our board clearly reflects the momentum behind this initiative and what it seeks to achieve."*

*Put simply, we will bring together asset owners, investment managers and corporates to deliver a return on engagement for the benefit of all investors. All long-term owners of UK companies, including international investors, are invited to join the Investor Forum."*

Vince Cable, Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, said:

*"The Investor Forum, recommended by Professor Kay, has a vital role to play in shifting the culture of equity markets to support public companies contribution to sustainable long-term growth. We now need to see it deliver on its objectives and build a critical mass of long-term investors who place stewardship at the heart of their investment strategies."*

Daniel Godfrey, Chief Executive of the IMA, said:

*"The IMA is looking forward to working with the Investor Forum to drive cultural change throughout the investment chain so that we can all focus on long-term, sustainable value creation. We believe that better stewardship of companies by investment managers will make investment better. Better for clients who get better returns. Better for companies, who will be more competitive. And better for the economy, as the country prospers."*

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**About the Investor Forum:**

- The Investor Forum was formed following the recommendations of the Collective Engagement Working Group (a group established by the ABI, IMA and NAPF) and the Kay Review.
- The Investor Forum is an investor-led organisation, whose governance is independent of any trade association.
- For further information on the Investor Forum please visit its new website: <http://www.investorforum.org.uk/>