



THE INVESTOR FORUM

**INVESTOR FORUM APPOINTS PAUL COOMBES AND BLACKROCK'S JAMES
MACPHERSON TO BOARD**
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The Investor Forum is pleased to announce that Paul Coombes and James Macpherson will join its Board of Directors from 1st October 2017.

Paul Coombes is the Chairman at the Centre for Corporate Governance at London Business School. He is a former Director of McKinsey & Company, where he served many leading international corporations and financial institutions over 27 years. Paul is also a member of the FRC's Stakeholder Advisory Panel.

James Macpherson is the Deputy CIO on BlackRock's Fundamental Active Equities team, having been at the firm and its predecessor companies as an analyst and portfolio manager for 32 years.

Both Directors will stand for election at the Investor Forum's next Annual General Meeting in January 2018.

The Forum's Executive team has also been strengthened, with the addition of Fiona Ellard, formerly of Blackrock, and Tim Shanagher, formerly of Credit Suisse in September.

Simon Fraser, Chairman of the Investor Forum said:

"We are delighted that Paul and James have agreed to join the Forum's Board. Between them, they bring great depth of practical and stewardship experience."

Andy Griffiths, Executive Director of the Investor Forum said:

"Fiona and Tim each bring over 25 years of investment experience to the team and will help to lead collective engagements, enhance Member network benefits and deliver differentiated insights."

NOTES TO EDITORS:

- The Investor Forum is an independent, not for profit organisation funded by a membership comprising 35 leading asset managers, insurance companies, pension funds, and endowments.
- The purpose of the Investor Forum is to position stewardship at the heart of investment decision making by facilitating dialogue, creating long term solutions and enhancing value.
- The Investor Forum was launched at the end of October 2014 and has been involved in numerous collective engagements, covering a wide range of issues from succession and governance to the direction and execution of strategy.
- The team currently comprises experienced investment professionals, with extensive experience in Board positions and portfolio manager, asset owner and governance roles.

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