



THE INVESTOR FORUM

## INVESTOR FORUM APPOINTS SCHRODERS' JESSICA GROUND TO BOARD (London, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017)

The Investor Forum is pleased to announce that Jessica Ground will join its Board of Directors from 19 January 2017.

Jessica is the Global Head of Stewardship at Schroders, overseeing the integration of Environmental, Social and Governance factors into the investment process across geographies and asset classes. Jessica joined Schroders in 1997 and initially worked as a research analyst on a pan-European and Global basis. She became a fund manager in 2006 on the Prime UK Equity team with responsibility for £9bn of institutional and retail money.

At the conclusion of the Investor Forum's Annual General Meeting in January 2017, Daniel Godfrey, Lindsay Tomlinson and Professor John Kay will step down from the Board, having served since the inception of the Forum.

### **Simon Fraser, Chairman of the Investor Forum said:**

*"We are delighted that Jessica has agreed to join the Forum's Board. She has a strong track record of engaging with UK companies and therefore brings very relevant experience to the workings of the Board."*

*We would like to thank Daniel, Lindsay and John very much for their service, support, experience and invaluable advice as the Forum established itself over the last two years. We wish them all the best for the future."*

### **NOTES TO EDITORS:**

- The Investor Forum is an independent, not for profit organisation funded by a membership comprising 30 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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