



THE INVESTOR FORUM

INVESTOR FORUM COMMENT FOLLOWING THE STATEMENT FROM THE BOARD OF UNILEVER

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“The Investor Forum notes today’s statement by the Board of Unilever. Our purpose is to escalate investor concerns through collective engagement and we would like to thank the Board of Unilever for its constructive response in recent weeks. We have worked with over 20 institutions on this assignment and believe that it represents a powerful illustration of the effectiveness of collective engagement.”

**Andy Griffiths, Executive Director
Investor Forum**

NOTES TO EDITORS:

- Principle 5 of Stewardship Code states that “Institutional investors should be willing to act collectively with other investors where appropriate”.
- The Investor Forum is an independent, not for profit organisation funded by a membership comprising 42 leading asset managers, insurance companies, pension funds, and endowments.
- The combined global assets under management of its Members is ~£14.1trn, of which ~£700bn are invested in UK equities currently. The 42 members together own c.29% of the FTSE All Share index.
- 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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