



INVESTOR FORUM BOARD CHANGES

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The Investor Forum is pleased to announce the appointment of two new Directors. Ruth Beechey joined the Board in March 2022 and Alex Edmans joined the Board of Directors from 3rd May 2022.

Ruth is Chief of Staff at UBS Asset Management UK, where she has worked for 22 years. She is a Director of UBS AM UK's main portfolio management entity and the UK based Life company. She is also Trustee director of the UBS Pension Fund and sits on the Community Impact Forum for UBS, London. As a qualified lawyer, her previous roles include being Legal Counsel at UBS and Morgan Grenfell. Ruth is also a member of the Investment Association's Strategy and Risk committee.

Alex is Professor of Finance at London Business School and a Fellow at the European Corporate Governance Institute. He is Managing Editor of the Review of Finance, the leading academic finance journal in Europe, and was inducted as a Fellow of the Financial Management Association. Alex serves on the Steering Group of The Purposeful Company, and on Royal London Asset Management's Responsible Investment Advisory Committee. Alex also serves as Mercers' School Memorial Professor of Business at Gresham College, giving a four-year programme of lectures to the public. Alex's research interests are in corporate finance, responsible business and behavioural finance.

These appointments follow the retirement from the Board of Ida Levine and Paul Coombes in March.

Ida was instrumental in the formation of the Investor Forum, serving on the Collective Engagement Working Group in 2013 and the Implementation Group in 2014. These Groups turned Professor John Kay's recommendation for an Investor Forum into reality. Ida served as a Director since inception, and chaired the Forum's Operating Oversight Committee.

Paul joined the Board in October 2017. In his role as Chair of the Centre for Corporate Governance at LBS, he facilitated the Forum's collaboration last year with LBS on Stakeholder Capitalism.

Michael McLintock, Chair of the Investor Forum said:

"We are delighted that Alex and Ruth are joining us as Directors of the Investor Forum. Alex will bring academic rigour to Board discussions, challenging the team with the latest thinking of best practice stewardship. Ruth's legal skills will assist the Operating Oversight Committee and ensure the Forum continues to operate within a safe and secure framework.

We would like to thank both Ida and Paul for their enormous contributions over the years."

Ruth Beechey said:

"As a founder member, UBS supports the Forum's purpose of putting stewardship at the heart of investment decision making. Responsible and constructive engagement has an important role in driving positive change and I welcome the opportunity to support the Investor Forum in helping to facilitate that, collectively, for firms, big and small."

Alex Edmans said:

"Active engagement by long-term-oriented shareholders is key to ensuring that business generates both financial and social returns. The Investor Forum has played a major role in helping shareholders engage collaboratively to create shared value. I'm delighted to be joining the Board and look forward to working with my new colleagues and Forum members to further advance its stewardship activities."

**NOTES TO EDITORS:**

- The Investor Forum is an independent, not for profit organisation founded in October 2014. At the end of 2021, 56 organisations are Members, including asset managers, insurance companies, pension funds, and endowments.
- Members have ~£24trn in Global assets under management, and £805bn invested in UK equities, which represents ~33% of the FTSE All-Share market cap.
- 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 has built a unique public record of 43 comprehensive collective engagements with the Boards of UK-listed companies since its inception, covering issues from succession and governance to the direction and execution of strategy.
- The executive team comprises senior investment professionals with international experience in portfolio manager, asset owner, governance, board positions and investment banking sales and research roles.
- The Board is comprised of Directors with a range of stakeholder views, including representatives from Member firms.
- For more information go to the following link: [The Investor Forum](#)