



## Simon Fraser Stewardship Award – winner

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The Investor Forum is pleased to announce that **Michael Marshall**, Head of Sustainable Ownership at Railpen, was presented with the second Simon Fraser Stewardship Award at the Investor Forum's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Review event on 26<sup>th</sup> January.

The Award is named in honour of the founding Chair of the Investor Forum in recognition of his commitment to stewardship, his generosity of spirit and his ability to both recognise and bring out the best in the people around him.

### Andy Griffiths, Executive Director of the Investor Forum, said:

"We would like to congratulate Michael Marshall for winning the Award which recognises his thoughtful contribution to stewardship over many years and the commitment that he makes to mentoring colleagues and developing his team - characteristics which defined Simon's contribution to the investment industry.

We are also pleased to highly commend Kimon Demetriades, whose contributions to a variety of collective initiatives have been widely recognised by peers and are much valued."

### The winner

Michael Marshall has been instrumental in driving the Sustainable Ownership team at Railpen, integrating effective stewardship into the investment processes. He focuses on areas where there is the opportunity to create systemic change, working cross-industry. His team value his supportive leadership approach, and the judging panel felt his style of providing both the freedom for creativity and innovation, as well as guidance and direction, was very much in line with the spirit of the Award. Michael made a thoughtful contribution to the Investor Forum's Stakeholder Capitalism working group from the asset owner perspective, and supports his team in their active involvement in the Forum's activities.

### The short list

The judging panel also 'highly commended' **Kimon Demetriades**, ESG Analyst at Allianz Global Investors. Kimon has made significant contributions to a number of Investor Forum Working Groups, including on Plastic pellets, Active transactions, and Irish Voting, and is generous in sharing his insights and feedback to promote better outcomes. The panel recognised the energy that Kimon brings to his stewardship work, and the respect he has from various teams within his firm.

The nominations panel were also impressed with the highlighted contributions of:

1. **Yousif Ebeed** from Schroders, for his approach to developing his effectiveness as a governance professional;
2. **Lisa Lange** from Federated Hermes, for her work engaging with apparel companies on key issues posed by the fast fashion business model, and her collaborative efforts on climate engagement; and
3. **John Teahan** from Redwheel, for his engagement with UK banks on climate issues.



## The Award

Nominations from Member firms were judged against the following criteria:

- Putting stewardship at the heart of investment decision making.
- Demonstrating sound judgement and the ability to deal with challenging situations effectively and with integrity.
- Taking an initiative, individually or collectively, which demonstrates either personal development or helps others to develop stewardship skills.
- Focusing on practical outcomes which have had an observable impact.

The Judging Panel was formed of the Chair, Executive Director and one Non-Executive Director of the Investor Forum.

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## Notes to editors:

- Simon Fraser, 1959 – 2021, was instrumental in the establishment of the Investor Forum, taking on the role of founding Chair on a pro bono basis in 2014. See more [here](#).
- The Investor Forum is an independent, not for profit organisation founded in October 2014. At the end of 2022, 54 organisations are Members, including asset managers, insurance companies, pension funds, and endowments.
- Members have ~£26trn in Global assets under management, and £680bn invested in UK equities, which represents ~30% 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 48 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.