

The Investor Forum announces CEO Succession

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At its AGM on 23rd January, Andy Griffiths, Executive Director, announced his intention to step down from his role in 2024. A process has therefore been initiated to identify a new CEO, to enable the Investor Forum to manage the succession process in the best interest of its Members.

Under Andy's leadership, the Forum has established a strong reputation by consistently demonstrating an ability to create practical solutions that enable investors and companies to resolve complex challenges.

Having been so centrally involved in the Investor Forum's inception in 2014 and its subsequent growth, Andy feels that the time is now right for his successor to be recruited to lead the evolution of Investor Forum into its next phase and launch a new Issuer & Investor Forum.

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

"Creating the Investor Forum in 2014, and leading it for the last decade, has been the biggest privilege of my professional career.

I am enormously proud of the community that we have built, and the successes that we have had, and would like to thank my colleagues and our Members for their support. Engagement is not easy, but together we have built an organisation to enable effective dialogue between companies and investors on the most challenging of issues.

I am delighted that the Investor Forum will play a key role as market practitioners seek solutions to rejuvenate the UK's capital markets."

Michael McLintock, Chair of the Investor Forum, said:

"I cannot praise Andy highly enough for all that he has done to create the Investor Forum and lead it to its present distinctive and highly respected position in the market. It is a remarkable achievement. Many qualities come to mind when thinking about Andy, but top of my list would be thoughtfulness, integrity and high intelligence.

On behalf of the Board and the Members, I would like to thank him for all his efforts over the years. He leaves the organisation well-positioned to evolve into its next phase, with a strong executive team in place who will continue to ensure it delivers value for the Membership and the wider industry."

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

- The Investor Forum is an independent, not for profit organisation which was founded in October 2014. At the end of 2023, 55 organisations are Members, including asset managers, insurance companies, pension funds, and endowments.
- Members have ~£18trn in Global assets under management, and £580bn invested in UK equities, which represents ~27% 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 51 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 professionals with international experience as portfolio managers, asset owners, or investment banking sales and research management.
- Read the 2023 Annual Review here.
- For more information go to the following link: The Investor Forum