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### CEO APPOINTMENT

(London, 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024)

**The Investor Forum** today announced the appointment of Chris Kinder as its new CEO.

Following the decision by outgoing founding Executive Director Andy Griffiths to step down from the role, after 10 years leading the organisation, the Investor Forum is pleased to announce the appointment of its new CEO.

The Board reiterates its thanks to Andy for his vision, leadership and commitment to the Investor Forum. Under his leadership, the Forum has grown from a concept on paper to a well-respected organisation with over 50 institutional members. It is now set to extend its impact with the upcoming launch of the Investor and Issuer Forum.

With over 20 years of experience as a UK-focused equity fund manager, Chris has expertly managed a range of different fund types - including investment trusts and institutional and retail mandates. Most recently, he was a senior fund manager at Columbia Threadneedle Investments. Chris brings a wealth of experience and insight and extensive connections across the UK equity market.

Chris holds a degree in Modern European Languages from Durham University, and qualified as a chartered accountant with PwC. He is an independent advisor to BBC Children in Need.

**Michael McLintock**, Chair of the Investor Forum said:

“The Board is delighted that Chris has agreed to lead the Investor Forum at this crucial time for the UK equity market. As a fund manager with a commitment to stewardship and UK listed companies, he is well placed to facilitate constructive dialogue across the investment chain and, in addition, to take forward our vision of establishing an Investor and Issuer Forum to bring together companies and investors to improve the listing experience in the UK.”

**Chris Kinder** said:

“I am honoured to be joining the Investor Forum at this important stage in its evolution and building on the strong foundations that Andy has put in place.

I also believe that, once launched, the Investor and Issuer Forum will occupy a position at the heart of UK plc and offer a significant opportunity to support value creation at this fascinating time for the UK equity market.”

Chris will take up the role of CEO from 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024.