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Please see below a monthly update on the latest people moves within the EMEA investment management industry. Please do get in contact with the team if you would like to discuss any topics relating to talent in the investment or wealth management areas.

- **Aegon Asset Management** has promoted **Jordan Irvine** from Investment Solutions Consultant to **Client Director**, taking over from **Fiona Hope** who is **retiring**.
- **AJ Bell's** Research Head, **Alena Kosava**, **exits** after a year. Alena leaves AJ Bell after joining the business a little under 12 months ago from Avellemly.
- **Aktia** has appointed **Aleksi Lehtonen** as **Chief Executive Officer**. Aleksi joins from Nordea where he was Head of Business Banking Finland and Country Senior Executive.
- **Allianz Global Investors** has promoted **Joerg de Vries-Hippen** from CIO Equity Europe to **Head of Investments Equity Europe**. Former Managing Director and Head of German Equity Team, **Christoph Berger**, has been named **Chief Investment Officer Equity Europe**.
- **AssetCo** CEO **Campbell Fleming** has **stepped down**.
- **BlackRock's** Head of Impact Investing, **Eric Rice**, plans to **leave** the \$9.1tn asset manager later this summer.
- **Brooks Macdonald** has filled its **Chief Financial Officer** void with the appointment of Aviva's former Chief Risk Officer **Andrea Montague**.
- **BNP Paribas Asset Management's** chief executive officer, **Sandro Pierri** has been elected as the new **president** of the **European Fund and Asset Management Association (EFAMA)**.
- **Carrington Investment's** Head of Investments, **Eric Woodward**, has announced his **retirement**; bringing his 50-year career to an end.
- **Close Brothers Asset Management** has appointed **Marcus Vertue** as **Senior Investment Director**. Marcus joins from Investec Wealth & Investment UK, where he was a Senior Investment Manager.
- **Columbia Threadneedle's** EMEA Chief Executive **Nick Ring** is to **retire** from asset management at the end of the year, after more than three decades in the industry.
- **DWS** has promoted **Jessica Hardman** to head up the firm's UK-based operations, appointing her **CEO** of DWS Investments UK, subject to regulatory approval.
- **Franklin Templeton** has appointed **Jacob Rowe** as **Business Development Director** for its **UK Wholesale Distribution Team**.
- **Gore Browne Investment Management's** Chief Investment Officer and Co-Founder, **Simon James**, is set to **retire** after 19 years at the company.
- **Hargreaves Lansdown** has confirmed that **Dan Olley** will take over as **Chief Executive** of the business on 7 August.
- **Invesco's** Senior Portfolio Manager, **Randall Dishmon**, has **retired**.
- **Impax Asset Management** has appointed **Manish Bishnoi** as a **Portfolio Manager** on two of its Asian strategies.
- **James Hambro & Partners** has hired **Austen Speakman** from Brooks Macdonald for its new office in Bristol. In his new role, he will be working as a **Portfolio Manager**.
- **Jupiter's** Investment Manager, **Richard Buxton**, is **retiring** at the end of the summer.
- **Legal & General** has named **António Simões** as the firm's **CEO**, **replacing** outgoing head **Nigel Wilson**.
- **London Stock Exchange** has hired **Fiona Bassett** as **Chief Executive Officer**. Fiona was formerly Global Head Systematic Investment Solutions at DWS Group. Additionally, **Arne Staal**, previous Chief Executive Officer, is moving to **another role** within London Stock Exchange.
- **Marlborough** has appointed **Kevin Addison** as **Head of UK Wholesale and Institutional Funds Distribution**. Kevin was formerly Head of Sales and Distribution at Downing Fund Managers.
- **M&G Investments** has hired **Richard Godfrey** as **Chief Operating Officer** for Asset Management. Richard was formerly Global Co-Head of Securities Services at HSBC.

- **Northern Trust Asset Management** has named **Michael Hunstad** as **Deputy Chief Investment Officer**, which will be combined with his existing role as Chief Investment Officer for Global Equities. In addition, **John McCareins** has been promoted from EVP Managing Executive and Head of Asia Pacific to **EVP, Managing Executive and Head of International Asset Management**. Finally, **Sheri Hawkins** has been promoted from Global Head of Product to **Head of Investment Platform Services**.
- **Pemberton Asset Management** has appointed **Niamh Whooley** as **Managing Director and Head of Sustainable Investing**. Niamh was formerly Global Head of Fixed Income, ESG, and Research & Integration,
- **PineBridge Investments** has promoted **Mick Sweeney** from CEO of their Irish subsidiary to **CEO of EMEA**. Mick will retain his responsibility as CEO, Ireland.
- **SEI Investments** has promoted **Jim London** from Head of UK Private Banking and COO to **Chief Executive Officer of European Business**; taking over from **Brett Williams** who is **retiring**.
- **Square Mile** has hired **Mark Hinton** as **Equity Fund Research Manager**. Mark was previously Head of Equity Fund Research at Allfunds.
- **Storebrand Asset Management** has promoted **Anna Jönsson** to **Chief Executive**. Anna will also remain as Storebrand's Head of Institutional Clients.
- **TwentyFour** co-founders **Rob Ford** and **Gary Kirk** are to **retire** in September.
- **UBS** has appointed **Tobias Vogel** as **Europe Chief Executive**, replacing **Christine Novakovic**, who is taking on a **wider Global EMEA Wealth Management** role.
- **T. Rowe Price's** Head of Global Distribution and Global Product **Robert Higginbotham** is to **retire** at the end of the year.
- **Van Lanschot Kempen** has appointed **Michael Kretschmer** as **Global Small-Cap Portfolio Manager**, **Henk Veerman** as **Director Equity Portfolio / Fund Manager**, and **Victoria Bons** as **Portfolio Manager**.
- **Wellington Management's** Healthcare Team Leader and Senior Portfolio Manager, **Ann Gallo**, is **retiring** from the firm at the end of the year.
- **WTW** has named **Diya Luke** as its new **Global Head of Investments**, with current Global Head of Investments, **Chris Ford**, planning to **retire** at the end of June.

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