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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.

- **Abrdn**'s Deputy Head of Global Emerging Markets, **Joanne Irvine**, and Senior Investment Director, **Kristy Fong**, are **leaving** the firm this summer.
- **Artemis**' Chief Operating Officer, **Lesley Cairney**, is **retiring** at the end of May.
- **AssetCo**'s Deputy Chairman, **Peter McKellar**, is **leaving** the firm.
- **Aviva Investors** has appointed **Mathew Parker** as **Co-Portfolio Manager** for UK Equities. Mathew was previously a UK Equities Portfolio Manager at Columbia Threadneedle Investments.
- **AXA Investment Managers**' Equity Income Investment Director, **George Luckraft**, is **retiring** in May.
- **BlackRock** has appointed **Will Hanglin** as **OCIO Sales**. Additionally, **Simon Blundell** has been promoted to **Head of European Fundamental Fixed Income Investments**, taking over from **Michael Krautzberger**, who is **leaving** the firm in June. Furthermore, Fund Manager **Nigel Ridge** is **retiring** in August, and UK Equity Analyst, **Richard Wingfield**, is **departing**.
- **BNP Paribas Asset Management** has promoted **Alaa Bushehri** from Head of Emerging Market Corporate Debt to **Head of Emerging Market Debt**.
- **Brown Advisory** has promoted **Andrew Blair** from Director of International Business Development to **Head of UK Private Client and Charity Business Development**.
- **Close Brothers Asset Management** has appointed **Francesca Bartholdi** as **Investment Manager**. Francesca was formerly Investment Manager at Investec. Additionally, they have appointed **Justin Yeldham** as **Senior Investment Director**. Justin was formerly Senior Investment Director at Investec.
- **Danske Bank** has appointed **Kerstin Lysholm** as **Head of Investment Products and Offerings**. Kerstin was previously Head of Investment Products and Offerings at Nordea.
- **DWS Group**'s Head of Direct Lending, **Marcus Herbig**, has **left** the firm.
- **Evercore** has appointed **Sophia Damianou** as **Managing Director**. Sophia was previously Managing Director, Business Development at Northleaf Capital Partners.
- **Federated Hermes** has hired **Tara-Grace Dougherty** as **Director of Business Development**. Tara-Grace was formerly Director of Short-Term Investment Sales at Scotiabank Global Banking and Markets.
- **Fiera Capital** has appointed **CJ Morrell** as **Managing Director, Head of Japan**. CJ was formerly an Investor at Cavalariça.
- **Franklin Templeton**'s Global Distribution Chief Operating Officer, **Ed Venner**, has **left** the firm.
- **Goldman Sachs** has appointed **Annemarie van Dongen** as **Executive Director**. Annemarie joins from Van Lanschot Kempen where she was Product Manager Client Solutions.
- **Jennison Associates** has appointed **Nick Samuels** as **Managing Director and Client Portfolio Manager EMEA**, and **Stephen Corr** as **Managing Director for Business Development EMEA**. Nick was formerly a Consultant at Capstone Investment Advisors, and Stephen was previously Director of Global Equities at Baillie Gifford.
- **Jupiter Asset Management** has hired **Stephanie Geary** as **Investment Manager** and **Siddharth Sukumar** as **Investment Analyst**, to boost its Equity offerings. Stephanie and Siddharth both join from JO Hambro Capital Management where they were previously UK Dynamic Analyst, and Analyst, respectively.
- **Legal & General Investment Management** has appointed **Miriam Uebel** as **Deputy Head of Europe, Institutional**. Miriam was formerly Executive Director, Institutional Client Coverage & Consultant Relations at UBS Asset Management.
- **LionTrust** has hired **Alexander Game** to join their **Economic Advantage Division**. Alexander was formerly a Fund Manager at Unicorn Asset Management.
- **Lombard Odier Investment Managers** has hired **Sophie Gilmore** as **Global Consultant Relations Director**. Sophie joins from Aviva Investors where she was a Consultant Relationship Director.

- **Morningstar** has promoted **Monika Calay** from Director of Passive Strategies to **Director of UK Manager Research**.
- **Newton Investment Management** has appointed **Ilya Figelman** as **Director of Research for Multi Asset Solutions**. Ilya was formerly Director of Multi-Asset Class Strategies, Senior Vice President at Acadian Asset Management.
- **Northern Trust Asset Management** has hired **Christian Roth** as **Chief Investment Officer, Global Fixed Income**. Christian was previously Chairman of Broad Markets Fixed Income at Morgan Stanley Investment Management.
- **Nuveen** has appointed **Lena Doan, Jeffrey Hostettler,** and **Eliot Javanmardi** as **Managing Directors of Energy Infrastructure Credit**, **Malcolm Bean** as **Associate, Energy Infrastructure Credit**, and **Luke Schaefer** as **Analyst**.
- **Octopus Investments** has appointed **Sian Roberts** as **Head of UK Institutional Sales**. Sian joins from BlackRock where she was Director, Multi-Alternatives Product Strategist.
- **Orchard Street Investment Management** has appointed **Kathryn Barber** as **Head of ESG**. Kathryn was previously Sustainability Lead, Portfolio and Social Impact, at GPE.
- **Patrizia SE** has promoted **Søren Zoffmann** from Managing Director, Head of Nordics, Capital Markets, to **Managing Director, Capital Markets**.
- **Payden & Rygel** has appointed **Dennis Kwist** as **Senior Vice President Business Development**. Dennis was previously Managing Director, Business Development and Head of Northern Europe at Wellington Management.
- **PIMCO** has promoted **Mathieu De Sutter** from Executive Vice President, Head of Nordics, to **Executive Vice President, Head of Benelux and Nordics**.
- **Principal Asset Management** has appointed **Sylvain Agar** as **Managing Director, Head of UK & Ireland Distribution**. Sylvain was formerly Managing Director and Head of International Financial Institutions at Allspring Global Investments.
- **Royal London Asset Management** has appointed **Ed Venner** as **Chief Client Officer**. Additionally, Chief Distribution Officer, **Rob Williams**, is **leaving** the firm, and Head of Fixed Income, **Jonathan Platt**, is **retiring** at the end of the year. Furthermore, Head of Equities, **Peter Rutter**, and Global Equity Portfolio Managers, **Christopher Parr, Will Kenney, James Clarke**, and **Niko de Walden** are **departing**.
- **Sarasin & Partners** has promoted **Subitha Subramaniam** from Head of Asset Management team to **Head of Investment Strategy**, and **Sam Jeffries** has been promoted to **Head of Asset Management**.
- **Schroders** has promoted **Alex Tedder** to **Co-Head of Equities**, **Mark Lacey** to **Head of Thematic Equities**, and **Simon Webber** to **Head of Global Equities**. Additionally, Chief Executive Officer, **Peter Harrison**, is **retiring** from his position next year.
- **Stonehage Fleming** has appointed **Carolyn Bell** as **Partner**. Carolyn joins from Aegon Asset Management where she was an Investment Manager, North American Equity Fund.
- **Sumitomo Mitsui DS Asset Management** has appointed **Alex Barry** as **Head of Distribution, UK and Ireland**. Alex was formerly Head of UK Wholesale at Franklin Templeton.
- **Unigestion** has appointed **Jordan Dimmock** as **Senior Vice President** of Private Equity Secondaries. Jordan was formerly Investment Director at abrdn.
- **Vontobel** has appointed **Christoph von Reiche** as **Head of Institutional Clients**. Prior to joining Vontobel, Christoph was Global Head of Distribution and Marketing at Robeco Asset Management.

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