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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.

- **Aberdeen Investments** has appointed **John McCareins** as **Chief Client Officer**. John was previously EVP, Managing Executive and Head of International Asset Management at Northern Trust Asset Management. Additionally, Head of Global Emerging Market Debt, **Brett Diment**, is **retiring**.
- **Allianz Global Investors** has promoted **Michael Krautzberger** to **Chief Investment Officer of Public Markets** and a member of the Executive Committee, effective from June, whilst current Global Chief Investment Officer Equities, **Virginie Maisonneuve**, **departs**. Additionally, Allianz GI has named **Edouard Jozan** as **Head of Private Markets**, effective June, **Michael Heldmann** as **Chief Investment Officer of Equity**, effective October, and **Jenny Zeng** as **Deputy Head of Global Fixed Income**, ensuring a smooth transition into her promotion to **Chief Investment Officer Fixed Income** in January 2026.
- **Allspring Global Investments** has promoted **Kate Burke** from President to **Chief Executive**, as **Joe Sullivan** steps down. Joe will remain as Executive Chair.
- **Apollo Global Management** has appointed **David Leibmann** as **Managing Director** to lead the distribution of its products to the unit-linked insurance market across EMEA. David was formerly Deputy Sales Director Europe at Utmost Group.
- **AustralianSuper** has appointed **Alex Stanic** as **Head of Core Equity**. Alex was formerly Head of Global Equities at Artemis Investment Management.
- **AXA Investment Managers** has appointed **Gordon Happell** as **Portfolio Manager – US Equities**. Formerly, Gordon was a Portfolio Manager at Columbia Threadneedle Investments.
- **BlackRock** has appointed **Miguel Tizzone** as **Director – Insurance Solutions**. Miguel was most recently Vice President – Insurance Solutions at Intermediate Capital Group.
- **BlueOrchard Finance Ltd** has promoted **Michael Wehrle** from Head Investment Solutions & PE to **Chief Executive Officer**.
- **BNP Paribas Asset Management** has appointed **Jeff French** as **Head of Investor Relations, Private Assets Asia Pacific**. Formerly, Jeff was Managing Director and Asia Head at OMERS Private Equity. Additionally, **Alan Wilson** has joined as **Portfolio Manager – Emerging Markets** from Eurizon SLJ Capital where he was Portfolio Manager – Emerging Markets.
- **Brickwood Asset Management** has appointed former JO Hambro Capital Management CEO, **Ken Lambden**, as **Chairman**.
- **Bridgepoint** has appointed **John Dionne** and **Michelle Scrimgeour** as **Independent Non-Executive Directors**, with effect from July 2025.
- **Carne Group** has appointed **Lizzy Buss** as **Managing Director**. Formerly, Lizzy was Executive Director at MUFG Investor Services.
- **Columbia Threadneedle Investments’** Global Head of Equities, **Melda Mergen**, is **leaving** the firm, with current Head of US Equity Research, **Nicholas Janvier**, assuming the new role of **leading North America Equities**.
- **Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners** has appointed **Annabel Wiscarson** as **Partner and Global Head of Investor Relations**. Previously, Annabel was Global Head of Investor Relations at Global Infrastructure Partners.
- **Eurizon** has appointed **Alain Barthel** as **Head of Sales Switzerland**. Formerly, Alain was Head of Continental Europe at Brandywine Global Investment Management.
- **European Smaller Companies Trust plc** has appointed **Nadia Meier-Kriner** as **Non-Executive Director**.
- **First Sentier Investors** has appointed **Jamie Downing** as **Head of Distribution EMEA**. Previously, Jamie was Managing Director, Global Head of Client Consulting at bfinance.
- **HSBC Asset Management** has promoted **Thorsten Michalik** from CEO of Deutschland to **Chief Executive Officer, Europe, UK and Americas**.

- **Invesco EMEA** has appointed **Carl-Otto Ardermark** as **Senior Sales Manager**. Carl-Otto was most recently Vice President, Relationship Manager at BlackRock.
- **LionTrust Asset Management** has appointed **Philip Rosenberg** as **Head of Middle East and Asia**. Formerly, Philip was Managing Director, Head of Distribution, Middle East at GAM Investments.
- **Local Pensions Partnership Investments** has named **Sonia Gogna** as **Non Executive Director**. Sonia was formerly Global Head of Solutions at Aberdeen Investments.
- **Lombard Odier Investment Managers** has appointed **Philippe Descheemaeker** as **Head of Private Assets Distribution**. Philippe was formerly Managing Director at SKY Harbor Capital Management.
- **M&G Investments** has appointed **Charlie Anniss** as **Manager, M&G Nature and Biodiversity Solutions Fund**. Charlie was previously Managing Director, Impact Equities at Union Bancaire Privée.
- **Monks Investment Trust plc** has appointed **Richard Curling** as **Non-Executive Director**, with effect from October 2025.
- **Natixis Investment Managers** has appointed **Carolyn Hefele** as **Head of Sales German-speaking Switzerland & Liechtenstein**. Formerly, Carolyn was Head of Sales & Marketing Switzerland and Liechtenstein at Robeco.
- **Nomura Asset Management** has appointed **Douglas Stewart** as **Head of Distribution EMEA**. Douglas was previously Chief Executive Officer at BennBridge.
- **Northern Trust Corporation** has promoted **Douglas Gee** from Head of Sales EMEA to **Head of Sales, International (EMEA & APAC)**.
- **Octopus Renewables Infrastructure Trust plc** has appointed **Sarim Sheikh** as **Senior Independent Director**.
- **Polar Capital Global Healthcare Trust plc** has appointed **Caroline Gulliver** as an **Independent Non-Executive Director**.
- **Principal Asset Management** has appointed **Julien Jaoui** as **Business Development Director, Distribution France**, and **Léa Peyran** as **Business Development Manager**.
- **SEI** has appointed **Oliver Gin** as **Director, Client Strategy**. Formerly, Oliver was Head of Client Investment Governance – UK Client Solutions at Schroders.
- **Steppingstone**, a “one-stop” business service for private UK companies of all sizes, has been launched and founded by JP Morgan and Schroders Fund Manager, **William Meadon**.
- **T Rowe Price** has promoted **Jennifer Jackson** from Director, EMEA Client Account Servicing to **Head of EMEA Platforms**.
- **Tatton Investment Management** has promoted **Johann Heyns** from Head of Business Services to **Chief Operating Officer**.
- **The Pensions Regulator** has appointed **Julian Lyne** as **Interim Executive Director of Market Oversight**. Formerly, Julian was Chief Commercial Officer at Newton Investment Management.
- **Tikehau Capital** has promoted **Maxime Laurent-Bellue** from Head of Tactical Strategies to **Deputy Chief Executive Officer**.
- **Union Bancaire Privée** has appointed **Thomas Christiansen** as **Senior Managing Director, Head of Emerging Market Fixed Income**. Formerly, Thomas was a Hard Currency EMD Fund Manager at Ashmore.
- **Vontobel** has appointed **Kaspar Böhni** as **Head of Product Management / Institutional Clients**. Formerly, Kaspar was Head of Product Strategy & Development at Generali.

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