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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.

- **Aether Capital Partners** has appointed **Vladmir Savic** as **Senior Investment Principal**, effective October 1st 2025. Vladimir was formerly a Director at Nalo.
- **AEW Capital Management** has promoted **Gina Szymanski** from Managing Director and Lead Portfolio Manager for AEW's North American securities platform to **CIO for its Global Securities business**.
- **AllianceBernstein** has appointed **Stefan Behring** as **Head of the Nordic Region**. Stefan was formerly Head of the Nordic Region at Invesco.
- **Allianz Global Investors** has appointed **Bjoern Jesch** as **Chief Product Officer** and a **member of the Executive Committee**. Bjoern was formerly Global CIO and CEO of DWS Switzerland.
- **American Tower Corporation** has appointed **Gene Reilly** as **Director**. Gene was formerly Vice Chairman and an Adviser at Prologis.
- **Andersen** has appointed **Thomas Quek** and **Manny Trelles** as **Managing Directors**. Thomas was formerly a Managing Director at Deloitte, and Manny was formerly a Principal at CliftonLarsonAllen.
- **AP7** has promoted **Charlotte Sillén** from Senior Portfolio Manager to **Head of Fixed Income**.
- **Apex** has appointed **Kimberly DeTrask** as **Chief Financial Officer**, effective 1st October 2025. Kimberly was formerly Treasurer and Executive Vice President at State Street. Additionally, **Maxwell Johnston**, current Interim CFO, Chief of Staff and Head of M&A at Apex, has been named as **Chief Business Officer**.
- **Ashoka WhiteOak Capital** has appointed **Hiren Dasani** as **CIO of Emerging Markets** and a **Portfolio Manager on the London-listed Ashoka Whiteoak Emerging Markets trust and Ashoka India Equity trust**, effective 12th August 2025. Hiren Dasani was formerly Co- Head of Global Em Equity and Lead PM India Equity at Goldman Sachs Asset Management.
- **Aviva Investors** has appointed **David Thomas** as **Global Head of Insurance**. David was formerly Head of UK & Ireland Insurance, Business Development at Schroders.
- **Barnett Waddingham** has promoted **Nick Cooper** from Partner and Head of SIPP Propositions to **Chief Executive Officer of BW SIPP**. Nick will succeed **Simon Foster** who is **retiring**.
- **Bfinance** has appointed **Markus Steinby** as a **Director**. Markus was formerly a Senior Advisor at Fastighetsloggen.
- **Blue Whale Growth Fund** has appointed **Thomas Legendre** as a **Relationship Manager**. Thomas was formerly an Associate Director for EMEA Business at Value Partners Group.
- **Capital Group** has appointed **Brandon McCormack** as **Head of UK Marketing**. Brandon was formerly Head of Marketing, UK Intermediary & Global Financial Client Group at Schroders.
- **CapMan** has appointed **Michael Morgenroth** as a **Managing Partner for their Real Asset Debt Investment Business**. Michael was formerly a founder and CEO of Caerus Debt Investments.
- **Clear Group** has appointed **Barbara Duffy** as **Group Chief People and Performance Officer**. Barbara was formerly Global Chief People Officer at IG Group.
- **Close Brothers Group** has promoted **Fiona McCarthy** from Group CFO to **Executive Member of the Board of Directors**.
- **Endeavor Energy** has appointed **Erik Granskog** as **CEO**. Erik was formerly Founder and CEO of Milele Energy.
- **Export and Investment Fund of Denmark (EIFO)** has appointed **Christoph Junge** as **Head of Fund Investments**. Christoph was formerly Head of Alternatives at Velliv.
- **FM** has appointed **Tara Long** as **Senior Vice President and CIO**. Tara was formerly Head of Enterprise Infrastructure Services at MassMutual.
- **Gallagher** has appointed **Alister Lester** as **CEO of Gallagher's Private Equity and M&A Client Practice**. Alister was formerly Global Co-CEO of M&A and Transactional Solutions at Aon.
- **Golden Star** has promoted **Ewa Dragunajtyś** from Associate Director to **Head of Asset Management**,

and **Pawel Moczybroda** from Financial Controller and Deputy CFO to **Group CFO**.

- **Gresham House Ventures** has appointed **Jens Düing** as **Head of Portfolio, Private Equity**. Jens is currently a Board Member at Casper Health and was formerly a Senior Partner at Frog Capital Ltd.
- **Helical** has appointed **Martina Malone** as **Independent Non-Executive Director**. Martina was formerly Managing Director of Global Head of Capital Raising at Prologis.
- **HSBC Asset Management** has appointed **Karim Ghannam** as **Global Head of Real Assets and Head of Alternatives**, as Head of Institutional and Charities, **Justin Turner, retires**. Additionally, **Nicholas McLoughlin** has been promoted to **Head of HSBC Balance and Monthly Income**.
- **JP Morgan US Smaller Companies Investment Trust** has announced its intention to appoint **Cindy Rampersaud** as an **Independent Non-Executive Director**, effective November 1st, 2025.
- **King Street Capital Management Europe** has appointed **Michael Fuller** as **Managing Director** for their Real Estate team. Michael was formerly a Managing Director at Brookfield.
- **KPC Capital Partners** has appointed **Mike Mellody** as **Director, Investor Relations & Marketing**. Mike was formerly an Investor Relation at Triton Partners.
- **Kuwait Investment Office** has appointed **Anthony Linehan** as **Fund Manager, Asia and Emerging Markets**. Anthony was formerly a Partner, Portfolio Manager, Analyst and Head of RI Strategy at Somerset Capital Management LLP.
- **Landseer Asset Management** has appointed **Anjli Shah** as a **Portfolio Manager**. Anjli was formerly an Investment Director at Aberdeen.
- **LGPS** has appointed **Clare Keefe** as **Responsible Investment Integration Manager**. Clare was formerly a Senior Sustainability Investment Consultant at Barnett Waddingham.
- **M&G Investments** has appointed **Charles Moussier** as **European Head of Insurance Solutions**, **Enguerrand Fougerat** as **Institutional Sales Director** in the French team, and **Martin Kwiatkowski** as **Director of Asset Management Operations**.
- **Mirabaud Asset Management** has appointed **Gurdeep Bumbra** as **Lead Manager for the Group's Global Focus Equity Strategy**. Gurdeep was formerly a Senior Investment Manager Pictet Asset Management.
- **NewPoint Real Estate Capital** has promoted **Geraldine Borger Urgo** from Head of Originations to **President of Agency Lending**.
- **Oberon Investments** has appointed **Barry Smead** as **Head of Investment Management**, and **Peter Martin** as **CEO**. Barry was formerly COO for Investment Management at JM Finn, and Peter was formerly a CEO at Odey Asset Management.
- **Rebalance Earth** has appointed **Ruston Smith** as **Chair of the Board**. Ruston was formerly a Non- Executive Chair at Guide.
- **Redevco** has appointed **Séverine Maumy** as **Head of Asset and Transaction Management** and a **member of the Investment Committee**. Séverine was formerly Co-head portfolio manager at Barings Real Estate Advisers.
- **Redwheel's** Head of Thematic Sustainability Research and Head of Greenwheel, **Stephanie Kelly** has **resigned**.
- **Schroders** has appointed **Graham Shircore** and **Steve Woolley** as **UK-focused Investment Analysts on the Value team**. Graham Shircore was formerly Investment Team Leader at Phoenix Asset Management Partners. Steve Woolley was formerly Head of Research on the firm's Value Equities Team at Ninety-One. The **appointments follow head of Value Equities Nick Kirrage's exit** last month.
- **Seccl** has promoted **Jonathan Dees** from Interim Managing Director to **CEO, succeeding David Ferguson**.
- **SEI** has appointed **Chris Hogg** to their **Master Trust Board of Directors**. Additionally, SEI Investments Limited has appointed **David Lawton** as **Independent Non-Executive Director**, and **Diane Seymour-Williams** as **Board Chair, succeeding Patrick Disney**.
- **SimCorp** has appointed **Peter Sanderson** as **CEO**. Peter was formerly Group CEO of GAM Investments.
- **Timeline** has promoted **Kate Phillips** and **Will Church** to **Head of Sales, succeeding Mark Hopcroft**. Kate Phillips and Will Church were both formerly Regional Directors. Additionally, Timeline's CIO, **Nicola Hinton-Jones** has **stepped down** from the Portfolios Board.
- **Titanbay** has appointed **Timo H Paul** as **Head of Switzerland**. Timo was formerly Chairman and Co-Country Head of Switzerland at Natixis Investment Managers.
- **Troy Asset Management Limited** has appointed **Stephanie Slade** as **Institutional Business Development**. Stephanie was formerly Head of Consultant Relations at JO Hambro Capital Management.

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