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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** has promoted **Kate McGrath** to **Head of ESG, Fixed Income** and **Nick Robinson** to **Head of Global Emerging Markets Equities**. Additionally, **Herman Bots** has joined as **Global Head of Equities**.
- **AllianceBernstein** has appointed **Jakob Wallin** as **Vice President, Nordics Sales Adviser**. Formerly, Jakob was Assistant Vice President, ETF Sales Nordics & Baltics at DWS Group.
- **Allspring Global Investments** has appointed **Sophie Freemantle** as **Head of International Product**. Formerly, Sophie was Head of Product Development (ex. US) at Federated Hermes.
- **Alquity Group** has appointed **Eric Frisanco** as **European Sales Director**. Formerly, Eric was Senior Investment Advisor at MF & Partners.
- **Avida International** has appointed **John Renkema** as **Partner, Head of Private Markets**. Formerly, John was Expert Portfolio Manager Private Equity at APG Asset Management.
- **Barings'** Managing Director, Head of EMEA Corporate Credit (EU Investment Grade and EM Corp), **Omotunde Lawal**, has **left** the firm.
- **Carne Group** has appointed **Daniel Osborne** as **Managing Director, Head of ETF Solutions**. Formerly, Daniel was Chief Operating Officer, Managing Director, SPDR ETF EMEA & APAC at State Street Investment Management.
- **Church Commissioners for England** has appointed **Nick Worrell** as **Principal, Public Markets**. Formerly, Nick was Investment Principal at Partners Capital.
- **Columbia Threadneedle Investments'** Global Chief Investment Officer, **William Davies**, is **retiring** at the end of June, with CEO **William Truscott** acting as **Interim Global Chief Investment Officer**.
- **Evenlode Investment** has promoted **Cristina Dyer** from Deputy Portfolio Manager to **Co-Portfolio Manager of its Global Equity Fund**.
- **Federated Hermes** has appointed **Carlos Gross** as **Head of European Credit Opportunities**. Formerly, Carlos was Executive Director at Alcentra.
- **Fidelity International** has appointed **Elisa Prezzavento** as **Director of ETF Product Strategy and Development**. Formerly, Elisa was VP Product Innovation Team, EMEA Fixed Income Lead at State Street Investment Management.
- **HSBC Asset Management** has appointed **Srilatha Singh** as **Co-Head, Quantitative Equity Strategies**. Formerly, Srilatha was Head of Research and Innovation at EQI, AXA Investment Managers.
- **Impax Asset Management** has promoted **Matt Carter** from Director, Head of UK Wholesale, Client Group to **Senior Director, Head of Wholesale UK, Ireland & CI**.
- **JP Morgan Asset Management** has appointed **John Taylor** as **Head of EMEA ETF Capital Markets**. Formerly, John was Head of EMEA ETF Primary Markets at BlackRock.
- **Jupiter Asset Management** has appointed **Christopher Bishun** as **Head of Regional Business Development and Solutions**. Formerly, Christopher was Head of Wealth Solutions at Morningstar.
- **Legal & General** has appointed **Rob Groves** as **Chief Investment Officer** of its Institutional Retirement Business. Formerly, Rob was CIO at Pension Insurance Corporation. Additionally, Global Head of Investment Strategy & Research, Private Markets, **Rob Martin**, has **left** the firm.
- **LGT Capital Partners** has appointed **Marco Bizzozero** as **Managing Partner and Member of the Executive Committee**, taking up his role in September. Formerly, Marco was Head of International at iCapital.
- **M&G Investments** has appointed **Paul Haegy** as **Head of Infrastructure Debt and Private Placements**. Formerly, Paul was Managing Director at Goldman Sachs.
- **Marathon Asset Management** has appointed **Karen Zachary** as **Chief Operating Officer**. Formerly, Karen was Chief Operating Officer at Lansdowne Partners.
- **Morgan Stanley** has appointed **Abhi Malan** as **Senior Product Specialist, Private Credit**. Formerly, Abhi was Head of Capital Raising, UK & Ireland, and Consultant Relations at Patrizia.

- **New World Group** has appointed **Arno Kitts** as **Non-Executive Chairman of the Group**. Arno is Founder of Perspective Investments.
- **Nordea Asset Management** has appointed **Henrik Christiansson** as **Portfolio Manager, Swedish Equities**. Formerly, Henrik was Equity Research Analyst, Capital Goods, Consumer Durables, Automotive at Carnegie Investment Bank.
- **Ofi Invest Asset Management** has appointed **Christophe Herpet** as **Chief Investment Officer**, whilst Deputy Managing Director, **Eric Bertrand**, has been promoted to **Chief Executive Officer**. Formerly, Christophe was Head of Investment and Shareholder Allocation at AXA France.
- **Pictet Asset Management** has appointed **Malick Badjie** as **Global Co-Head of Sales and Member of Executive Committee**. Formerly, Malick was Global Head of Sales and Marketing and Member of Executive Committee at Robeco. Additionally, Global Head of Fund and Manager Research, **Sébastien Gentizon**, is leaving the firm.
- **RBC BlueBay Asset Management** has appointed **Suzanne Dos Santos Wahl** as **Head of Institutional Sales, France and Monaco** and **Julien Jacquet** as **Director, Business Development, Financial Institutions**. Formerly, Suzanne was Head of Development at Prevaal Finance, and Julien was Head of Consultant Relations and RFP at Lazard Frères Gestion.
- **Universal Investment Group** has appointed **Nils Mordt** as **Head of International Sales & Relationship Management**. Formerly, Nils was Managing Director at CACEIS.
- **Vanguard** has appointed **Ursula Marchioni** as **Head of Multi-Asset & Adviser Solutions, Europe**. Formerly, Ursula was Head of Investment and Portfolio Solutions EMEA, Managing Director, at BlackRock.



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