Press Release

The Investor Forum Announces the Final Members of the Steering Committee for the Investor & Issuer Forum

London 21st January 2025 – As secretariat, the Investor Forum is pleased to announce the appointment of the remaining eight members of the Steering Committee for the recently launched Investor & Issuer Forum (I&IF). This group of leaders will work collaboratively to shape the agenda for this initiative, which aims to enhance the effectiveness of the UK equity markets by building constructive dialogue and delivering practical steps that lead to market improvements.

Introducing the Full Steering Committee

In addition to the founding members – Michael McLintock, inaugural Chair of the I&IF and Chair of the Investor Forum; Sir Jonathan Symonds, Chair of GSK; Rupert Soames, Chair of the CBI; Mark Versey, CEO of Aviva Investors; and Sonja Laud, Global Chief Investment Officer of LGIM – the Steering Committee now includes:

- Laura Chappell, CEO — Brunel Pension Partnership
- Hendrik du Toit, Founder and CEO — NinetyOne
- Cressida Hogg, Chair — BAE Systems
- Elizabeth Fernando, CIO — NEST
- Andrew Duff, Chair — Sage
- Paula Reynolds, Chair — National Grid
- Catherine Flockhart, Partner — Baillie Gifford

Together, this group of senior leaders represents a broad spectrum of expertise across the investment chain, including corporate governance, stewardship, asset management, asset owner, capital markets, and listed companies. Their collective experience and insight will be pivotal in driving the I&IF's objective of improving the effectiveness of the London Stock Market with a clear focus on sustainable value creation.

Shaping the Agenda for 2025 and Beyond

The Steering Committee will identify priority issues and projects to inform the I&IF's agenda for 2025 and beyond, focusing on practical actions to address key challenges in the market.

Chris Kinder, CEO of the Investor Forum, commented:

> *"This new forum is designed to bring companies and investors together to address contentious issues and drive meaningful change. With the full Steering Committee in place, we are well-positioned to tackle the critical issues facing our markets and deliver tangible outcomes for all participants in the investment chain."*

About the Investor & Issuer Forum

Launched in September 2024, the Investor & Issuer Forum (I&IF) is an expansion of the Investor Forum's commitment to improving market practices, designed to further enhance collaborative working to address issues of material concern between investors and issuers.

The Investor Forum will continue to operate as usual, maintaining all its current activities and will continue to offer a safe and secure platform for collective engagement. It remains independent and will continue to work on behalf of its investor Members. During the initial proof-of-concept phase the I&IF will be backed by the LSE. Along with the FRC, the LSE will act as an observer to the Steering Committee.

Call to Action

The I&IF invites market participants to share their priorities and ideas to shape the forum's agenda. This collective effort is vital for ensuring that the UK's capital markets remain globally competitive.

For more information about the Investor & Issuer Forum, please contact us at info@investorandissuerforum.org.uk or visit our website at https://www.investorandissuerforum.org.uk/.

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Note to Editors

The Investor Forum, established in 2014, is an independent, not-for-profit organisation focused on placing stewardship at the heart of investment decision-making. Its members represent ~25% of the FTSE All-Share market cap, and the organisation is dedicated to fostering long-term solutions and enhancing value through dialogue and collaboration.