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## People Moves | Investment Management EMEA

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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** has appointed **Ben Tucker** as **Business Development Director**. Ben was formerly Associate Director, London Accounts, at Janus Henderson Investors. Additionally, abrdn North American Income Trust plc has announced that **Bulbul Barrett** will join as a **Non-Executive Director** in April 2025.
- **Aegon Asset Management's** Fixed Income Investment Manager, **Euan McNeil**, has **left** the firm.
- **Albion Technology & General VCT plc** has appointed **Fiona Wollocombe**, **Swarupa Pathakji**, and **Simon Thorpe** as **Non-Executive Directors**.
- **Amundi** has promoted **Eric Bramoullé** from Head of Marketing and Products to **Chief Executive Officer**.
- **Artemis Investment Management** has appointed **Haris Papadopoulos** as **Global High Yield Credit**. Haris was formerly Vice President, High Yield Analyst at Bank of America Merrill Lynch.
- **Aviva Investors** has appointed **Richard Saldanha** as **Manager of their Global Equity Income Fund**. Richard was formerly at Royal London Asset Management.
- **Baillie Gifford UK Growth Trust plc** has appointed **Seema Paterson** as a **Non-Executive Director**.
- **BlackRock Throgmorton Trust plc** has appointed **James Will** as **Non-Executive Director**. James will also take up the role of Chair in due course following the **retirement** of **Christopher Samuel**. Additionally, BlackRock Income and Growth Investment Trust plc has appointed **Chrysoula Zervoudakis** as **Non-Executive Director**.
- **BNP Paribas Asset Management** has appointed **Linda Fodil** and **Thibault Sartori** as **Investment Directors in the Private Debt Team** of the firm's private asset division. Additionally, **Valérie Charrière-Pousse** has been named **Head of European Large-Cap Equities**, effective from May 2025; succeeding **Peter Abbott**, who is retiring at the end of April.
- **Churchill Asset Management** has appointed **Otto Donner** as **Head of Nordics Business Development**. Otto was previously Head of Nordic Region at M&G Investments.
- **Columbia Threadneedle Investments' Chief Economist, Steven Bell**, is **retiring** in March 2025.
- **First Sentier Investors** has promoted **Harry Moore** from Global Head of Distribution to **Chief Commercial Officer**, and **Lauren Prendiville** from Managing Director to **Global Head of Distribution**.
- **GAM Investments** has appointed **Steven Williams** as **Head of UK Distribution**. Steven joins from Amundi where he was Senior Sales Manager.
- **Generali Investments** has promoted **Filippo Casagrande** from Chief Investment Steering & Sustainability Officer to **Chief of Investment**.
- **Gresham House** has appointed **Hyewon Kong** as **Sustainable Investment Director**. Hyewon was formerly Vice President, Head of Responsible Investing at IMCO.
- **Insight Investment** has appointed **Chandra Gopinathan** as **Head of Responsible Investment Research**. Chandra was formerly Senior Investment Manager at Railpen.
- **Invesco EMEA** has appointed **Joe Steidl** as **Head of UK Insurance Distribution**. Joe was formerly Partner, Head of EMEA Institutional Sales and Strategic Partnerships at Research Affiliates.
- **JP Morgan Emerging Markets Investment Trust plc** has appointed **Dean Buckley** as a **Non-Executive Director**.
- **Jupiter Asset Management** has appointed **Selina Tyler** as **Head of UK**. Selina was formerly Head of UK Wholesale at Lombard Odier Investment Managers.
- **KBI Global Investors** has appointed former LGIM Managing Director, **Eve Finn**, as an **Independent Non-Executive Director**.
- **LionTrust Asset Management's** Global Head of Distribution, **Ian Chimes**, and Head of Institutional Business, **Frank Doyle**, are **retiring** at the end of Q1 in 2025.
- **Man Group** has appointed **Emma Holden** as **Chief People Officer**. Emma was formerly Chief People Officer at Schroders.
- **Martin Currie's** Portfolio Managers, **Michael Millar** and **Tom Wills**, are **leaving** the firm.
- **MetLife Investment Management** has appointed **Kerry O'Brien** as **Global Head of Insurance Asset**

**Management and Liability Solutions.** Kerry joins from Insight Investment where she was Head of Insurance Portfolio Management.

- **MFS Investment Management** has appointed **Daniel Theilen** as **Managing Director, Head of Institutional Sales Germany**. Daniel was formerly Director, Senior Client Relationship Manager, Institutional Sales at Union Investment.
- **Mirova** has promoted **Raphaël Lance** from Head of Energy Transition Funds to **Global Head of Private Assets**.
- **Montanaro Asset Management** has appointed **Ben Turner** as **Equity Research Analyst** and **Andrew Paterson** as **Senior Investment Sales Manager**. Ben was formerly an Equity Research Associate at Fidelity International, and Andrew was previously Vice President, UK & EMEA Business Development at Matthews Asia.
- **Nordea Asset Management** has appointed **James Elks** as **Global Head of Investment Consultant Relations**. James was formerly Client Solutions Director, Institutional at Royal London Asset management.
- **Octopus Energy Generation** has appointed **Charlotte Edgar** as **Head of Investor Relations – Listed**. Charlotte was formerly VP, Head of Investor Relations, HVPE at HarbourVest Partners.
- **Ruffer Investment Company Limited** has appointed **Nicholas Pink** as **Chair**, and **Solomon Soquar** as **Senior Independent Director**.
- **Sequoia Economic Infrastructure Income Fund Limited** has appointed **Paul Le Page** as **Senior Independent Non-Executive Director**.
- **Triple Point Social Housing REIT plc** has appointed **Bryan Sherriff** as an **Independent Non-Executive Director**.
- **T Rowe Price** has promoted **Ashlesha Vaishampayan** from Vice President, Consultant Relations – Asia, to **Head of EMEA Consultant Relations**.
- **Unicorn Asset Management** has appointed **Mark Westcott** as **Director of Strategy and Business Development**, and **Cleo Papathanasopoulou** as **Investment Associate**. Mark was previously Head of Product at Singer Capital Markets, and Cleo was formerly AIM Investment Associate at Maven Capital Partners.



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