A Message from ICGN CEO Kerrie Waring as ICGN Celebrates 25 Year Anniversary

ICGN celebrates 25 years in 2020 as our Members continue to inspire good governance and stewardship practices worldwide. Today, ICGN Members are based in over 50 countries with investors representing AuM in excess of USD$34 trillion.

We look forward to embracing new opportunities and challenges ahead as we debate crucial governance priorities which serve to preserve and enhance corporate value beyond the here and now. Our meetings this year in Seoul, Toronto, Stockholm and London will convene companies, investors and capital market specialists to shape the global governance agenda.

Never has it been so important for ICGN Members to focus, prioritise and hold to account those companies to whom our pensions and savings are entrusted. Investors are a powerful force in safeguarding assets for future generations and curbing the devastating effects of systemic risks such as climate change through regular company engagement. Investors themselves continue to adopt high governance standards as ICGN’s Global Stewardship Principles, first published in 2003, serve as a bellwether.

Annually, we submit dozens of letters in response to regulatory consultations to voice ICGN Member opinion on the issues of the day – particularly those which serve to undermine shareholder rights and impede effective stewardship. Our policy positions are defined in the ICGN Global Governance Principles which in turn set the tone for multiple initiatives developed by ICGN Policy Committees. Over the course of 2020 we will publish new guidance, viewpoints and webinars on issues such as anti-corruption practices, corporate culture and investor preferences on corporate reporting and audit – to name a few…

The ICGN Team and ICGN Board look forward to welcoming Members, professional colleagues and friendly adversaries to participate in our rich work programme this year. We hope that you join in – and join us – in navigating and managing a complexity of issues on a global scale with real impact in the way companies are governed for a sustainable future.

Yours sincerely,

Kerrie Waring
Chief Executive Officer, ICGN