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Influential Investors Convene in Washington DC to Address Capital Market Challenges and Opportunities

London, United Kingdom, for release on 20 February 2024: Over 300 influential capital market participants, including global institutional investors, will convene in Washington DC next month for the International Corporate Governance Network's (ICGN) Conference taking place between 7-8 March 2024.

ICGN's membership includes investors responsible for assets of USD\$77 trillion, many of whom will be in attendance. The agenda will focus on how robust corporate governance, high-quality corporate reporting and audit, and strong investor protections contribute to long-term corporate value creation and capital market competitiveness.

ICGN's CEO Kerrie Waring said:

"We welcome the opportunity to return to Washington DC, the place of ICGN's founding nearly 30 years ago. We will address some of the major issues of our time – AI on investment risk and opportunity, governance in emerging markets, corporate sustainability reporting, human rights due diligence and the impact of politics on the effective functioning of capital markets. Companies and investors have a mutual responsibility to preserve and enhance long-term corporate value upon which we all rely. It is therefore in everyone's interest to seek consensus on risks and opportunities which materially impact corporate success, ultimately contributing to economic growth and social prosperity."

ICGN's Conference is hosted by the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and Emmanuel Nyirinkindi, Vice President, Cross-Cutting Solutions will make Opening Keynote Remarks. In welcoming ICGN to Washington DC, Mr Nyirinkindi said:

"Our experiences at the IFC, as well as with many others attending this conference, demonstrate the power of corporate governance to drive inclusive and sustainable development. For instance, sound corporate governance practices can lead to more women in corporate leadership or improve a company's disclosure on its climate actions. These are clear examples of how environmental, social, and governance considerations and business and economic success are inextricably linked. The resilient world we seek can – and must – be built on strong corporate governance at its core."

ICGN's 'Lifetime Achievement Awards' will also be presented to a number of governance luminaries in recognition of their pioneering achievements towards the evolution of corporate governance best practices. Nominations are currently open for the ICGN Achievement Awards 2024, which recognise exceptional accomplishments in the field of corporate governance and investment stewardship: www.icgn.org/icgn-achievement-awards

ICGN's Conference is sponsored by Pomerantz LLP, MSCI, ISS STOXX, UBS and T. Rowe Price. Full details of the agenda can be found at www.icgn.org/washington

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About ICGN

Led by investors responsible for assets under management of around \$77 trillion, and bringing together companies and stakeholders, ICGN advances the highest standards of corporate governance and investor stewardship worldwide in pursuit of long-term value creation, contributing to healthy and sustainable economies, societies, and environment.

ICGN's comprehensive international work programme is based around three core objectives as follows:

- Influence: public policy and professional practice with global standards of corporate governance and investor stewardship.
- Convene: impactful global events to share knowledge, build networks and collaborate across capital markets.
- Inspire: governance and stewardship professionals with guidance and education for in-house policies, activities, strategies, and reporting.

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