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International Corporate Governance Network

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## **Influential Global Investor Body Announces New CEO**

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**Embargoed to 12:00 12 April 2024, London, United Kingdom:** Global investor body the International Corporate Governance Network (ICGN) today announced the appointment of its new CEO, Jen Sisson.

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

This announcement follows outgoing CEO Kerrie Waring's decision to step down from the role, after 10 years leading the organisation. The Board reiterated its thanks to Kerrie for her unwavering enthusiasm, ambition, and commitment to the ICGN.

Jen joins ICGN from Goldman Sachs Asset Management where she was EMEA Head of Stewardship, overseeing voting, engagement, and industry collaboration activities in the region. Jen joined Goldman Sachs after four years at the UK Financial Reporting Council (FRC), where she led policy outreach on ESG, audit and reporting matters including the creation of the 2020 UK Stewardship Code and the 2018 UK Corporate Governance Code. Jen started her career at PwC and her 13 years there spanned work in audit, learning and development, regulation and in PwC's global investor engagement team.

Jen holds a BA in Business, Accounting and Finance from the University of Newcastle and a Masters in Sustainability Leadership from the University of Cambridge.

Ian Burger, Chair of the ICGN Board of Governors, said:

"The succession process has led us to an outstanding candidate in Jen Sisson, who brings a real depth of experience in investor stewardship and corporate governance, including the creation of two globally important and well-regarded codes. The ICGN and the Board very much look forward to working with Jen as the ICGN moves into its next phase, with 2025 marking the organisation's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary."

Jen Sisson said:

"I'm delighted to be joining ICGN and am excited to get going. I look forward to working closely with the Secretariat team, Board of Governors and most importantly, ICGN members, to work to advance global standards of corporate governance and responsible investor stewardship."

Jen will take up the role of CEO from 7 May 2024.

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## Note to Editors

### About ICGN

Led by investors responsible for assets under management of around US\$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.

### Jen Sisson's biography

Jen joins ICGN from Goldman Sachs Asset Management, where she was EMEA Head of Stewardship, driving engagement, proxy voting and industry collaboration efforts. In that role, Jen was a member of the Investment Association Company Reporting and Auditing Group and the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) Investor Advisory Committee. In 2022 Jen was also a member of the US Council of Institutional Investors Corporate Governance Advisory Council.

She joined Goldman Sachs in 2021 from the UK Financial Reporting Council (FRC), where she worked for four years, most recently as Deputy Director of Stakeholder Engagement and Corporate Affairs, following a year as Chief of Staff. Responsible for coordinating the FRC's outreach with the global investment community, listed company leadership teams and board members across all areas of the regulator's scope, Jen led policy outreach on ESG, audit and reporting matters including the creation of the 2020 UK Stewardship Code and the 2018 UK Corporate Governance Code.

Jen started her career at PwC. Over 13 years with the Firm she worked in audit, regulation and in the global investor engagement team, where she was responsible for research on accounting, reporting, regulatory, governance and ESG issues as well as acting as part of the Secretariat for the Corporate Reporting Users Forum.

Outside work, Jen is a volunteer for MyBigCareer, a charity focused on advancing higher educational opportunities for young people from disadvantaged backgrounds.

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