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Liontrust enhances Sustainable Advisory Committee

Liontrust, the specialist fund management group, has expanded its Sustainable Advisory Committee through the appointment of **Valborg Lie**.

Valborg has extensive experience and knowledge of Sustainable Investment, including through her previous role as Head of Responsible Investment (RI) with the Asset Management Team at the Norwegian Ministry of Finance, which holds the role of principal for the Norwegian Government Pension Fund Global.

She is Founding Director of Borg Consulting, which advises investors on the development and implementation of RI policies and practices, including stewardship activities and ESG (Environmental, Social and governance) integration.

During the autumn of 2017, Valborg was sub-contracted to coordinate a landmark research project to map and assess global RI best practices. The project was commissioned by the Norwegian Ministry of Finance and carried out by Inflection Point Capital Management.

The Liontrust Sustainable Advisory Committee provides external oversight and scrutiny of, and guidance to, the Liontrust Sustainable Investment team, which manages £3.3 billion (as at 31 December 2018).

This includes ensuring the team focuses on engagement that benefits the funds they manage and helping to develop the team's investment themes through the Advisory Committee's knowledge of societal, environmental and economic trends.

Valborg joins an authoritative group of people on the Advisory Committee that have expertise in key areas of social and environmental impact. They are: **Sophia Tickell**, Co-founder and Director of Meteos and Non-executive Director of Liontrust Asset Management; **Jonathon Porritt**, Founder Director of Forum for the Future; **Tony Greenham**, Director of Economy, Enterprise and Manufacturing at the RSA; and **Tim Jackson**, Professor of Sustainable Development at the University of Surrey and Director of the Centre for the Understanding of Sustainable Prosperity (CUSP).

Liontrust's Head of Sustainable Investment **Peter Michaelis** said: "Valborg brings experience from the asset owner side of the fence, where she has applied and overseen responsible investment policies at a senior level. She also brings a broader European perspective, having worked for eight years at the Norwegian Ministry of Finance.

"As a consultant within responsible investment, Valborg's breadth of knowledge and experience will greatly complement the existing committee."

Valborg added: "I am excited to be working with the Liontrust team given their long track record dating back to 2001 and their integrated approach to Sustainable Investment."

"There is a highly welcome and growing demand for responsible and sustainable investment solutions among investors and a matching move among an increasing number of asset managers to assert ESG credentials and launch funds to capture the increasing flows."

"This makes it even more important that investors understand how responsible and sustainable investment funds are managed and that transparency around criteria, engagement and impact is accompanied by ongoing dialogue between investor and manager."

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About Liontrust

Liontrust Asset Management, which was launched in 1995, is a specialist fund management group with shares quoted on the London Stock Exchange.

Liontrust manages £11.2 billion (as at close of 31 December 2018), won Platinum in the inaugural ESG Fund Management Group category at the Portfolio Adviser Awards 2019, and Specialist Group of the Year in the Investment Week Fund Manager of the Year Awards 2017.

About the Liontrust Sustainable Advisory Committee

The committee has oversight over all of the Liontrust Sustainable Investment Team's engagement efforts, its proactive plans and reporting and is there to ensure that the team remains focused on engagement that benefits the funds. The committee meets three times a year. It consists of experts in sustainable development who have a deep knowledge of developing trends in societal, environmental and economic spheres. Their guidance on this informs the themes which the Sustainable Investment Team analyses in more detail.

The committee comprises:

Sophia Tickell Non-executive Director of Liontrust and Co-founder and Director of Meteos, a non-profit company, which runs senior dialogues, focused on finance, health and the environment. She is the author of "Banking on Trust", "Vital Connections: Science, Society and Sustaining Health", the EnergyFutures report, and the PharmaFutures (www.pharmafutures.org) series. Sophia was previously Chair of the Board at SustainAbility Ltd and led Oxfam's policy work on the private sector.

Jonathon Porritt Founder Director of Forum for the Future, the UK's leading sustainable development charity. His book, "The World We Made", seeks to inspire people about the prospects of a sustainable world in 2050. He is also Chancellor of Keele University and President of The Conservation Volunteers and former Chair of the UK Sustainable Development Commission.

Tony Greenham Director of Economy, Enterprise and Manufacturing at the RSA (Royal Society of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce), where he leads a programme of policy research into the future of work, social impacts of technology, green industrial strategy and economic democracy. He is a former corporate stockbroker and has written extensively on financial sector reform including the undergraduate economics textbook 'Where Does Money Come From?'

Tim Jackson is Professor of Sustainable Development at the University of Surrey and Director of the Centre for the Understanding of Sustainable Prosperity (CUSP). From 2004 to 2011, he was Economics Commissioner on the UK Sustainable Development Commission, where his work culminated in the publication of the controversial bestseller “Prosperity without Growth” – economics for a finite planet.

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