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CMIT welcomes Erin Platts and Lisa Gordon as new members

27 January 2025: The Capital Markets Industry Taskforce (CMIT) is pleased to announce the appointment of two new members, Erin Platts, CEO of Octopus Ventures, and Lisa Gordon, Chair of Cavendish. The addition of leading figures from the venture capital space and growth company-focused investment banking strengthens CMIT's representation of the UK's capital markets ecosystem and enhances its platform to advocate for effective reform of the UK market.

Erin Platts is joining the Taskforce's investment workstream and brings over two decades of experience in supporting investment in the UK and facilitating the growth ambitions of innovative British companies. Erin's career has been built within the heart of the UK's finance and technology start-up ecosystem, including senior positions such as CEO of HSBC Innovation Banking UK and CEO of UK & EMEA at Silicon Valley Bank. Her expertise will help drive CMIT's advocacy for the UK investment community and support the Taskforce's efforts to create an environment where innovative high-growth companies can access the capital they need to thrive.

Lisa Gordon joins to represent the needs of smaller quoted and listed companies across the UK, drawing upon more than 30 years of experience in both Executive and Non-Executive roles at public and private companies, including at Alpha Group International Plc, JPMorgan UK Small Cap Growth & Income Plc and M&C Saatchi Plc. Lisa will bring insights into the unique dynamics of smaller quoted and listed companies and support CMIT's commitment to inclusive and thorough debates on specific areas of concern and change for this segment of the market. Erin and Lisa join CMIT at a time of significant reform to the UK's capital markets and renewed focus on how to make further competitive enhancements. In September last year, CMIT published the Capital Markets of Tomorrow report which outlined a model to help deliver long term growth for the UK economy and highlighted the scale of additional investment needed to help the UK deliver its targeted economic growth rate. The report was presented at the second CMIT Conference, which brought together hundreds of leaders and entrepreneurs from across the ecosystem to advance the development of the UK market.

Klaus Hommels, founder and chairman of Lakestar, will be stepping down from the Taskforce having through both Lakestar and Sam Gymiah, provided significant insight and support to the CMIT agenda in its first two years. We are extremely grateful to Klaus for Lakestar's pivotal role in helping to shape CMIT's agenda and contribution to the enhancement of the UK's capital markets ecosystem.

Dame Julia Hoggett, CEO, LSE plc, and Chair of CMIT, said:

"Erin and Lisa bring a wealth of experience and a steadfast commitment to improving the competitiveness of the UK's capital markets. We are delighted to welcome them to CMIT and are certain the fresh perspectives they will offer will greatly enhance our work and further support us

to build on the progress already made. On behalf of all of my fellow Taskforce members, I would also like to extend a huge personal thanks to Klaus, Sam and Lakestar for their invaluable support and dedication to strengthening the UK market during their tenure on CMIT.”

Erin Platts, CEO of Octopus Ventures, said:

“Since its founding, CMIT has tirelessly championed the need for reform of the UK’s capital markets, uniting the ecosystem and campaigning for change that will benefit the entirety of the UK economy. The Taskforce has been instrumental in ensuring that market reform is now rightly recognised as a national priority, and it has been a major driving force behind the progress made to date. I look forward to working with my fellow CMIT members to capitalise on this momentum and help create a business environment in the UK that encourages innovation and rewards growth.”

Lisa Gordon, Chair of Cavendish, said:

“It’s an honour to be appointed to CMIT at such a critical juncture for smaller companies. Smaller companies make up a significant proportion of UK capital markets by number and are material contributors toward UK investment, jobs and growth across all regions. The health of the UK capital markets affects every individual and every business in the country and CMIT’s role has never been more important as we work to ensure that the capital markets remain dynamic and accessible to businesses looking to scale and thrive. I look forward to contributing to the Taskforce’s work and representing the unique needs of smaller companies as we navigate the challenges and seize the opportunities ahead.”

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About CMIT

The UK Capital Markets Industry Taskforce (CMIT) comprises CEOs, Chairs and industry leaders representing private and publicly listed companies, asset owners and managers, and the advisory services that support their access to capital and investments – representing the full end-to-end ecosystem of the public and private capital markets.

The Taskforce aims to maximise the impact of capital market reforms, ensuring the UK is the place where great companies can start, grow, scale and stay and to help investors access assets that provide returns and support the real economy in which they live and work.

Our other Taskforce members can be found below:

- Dame Julia Hoggett, CEO, LSE plc (Chair)
- Mark Austin, CBE, Partner at Latham & Watkins, Chair of the UK Secondary Capital Raising Review and former Chair of the FCA's Listing Authority Advisory Panel
- Katharine Braddick, Group Head of Strategic Policy and Advisor to the Group CEO, Barclays Plc
- Joe Cassidy, Head of Corporate Strategy for KPMG UK and the Head of Financial Services Strategy for KPMG UK
- Peter Harrison, Chair designate, Morgan Sindall Group plc
- Sir Nicholas Lyons, Chair, Phoenix Group
- Matthew Scullion, CEO and Founder, Matillion
- Sir Jonathan Symonds, Chairman, GSK plc

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