CMIT welcomes Carolyn Dawson and Phil Parkinson as new members

17 September 2026: The Capital Markets Industry Taskforce (CMIT) is pleased to announce the appointment of two new members, Carolyn Dawson, CEO of Founders Forum Group, and Phil Parkinson, President and CEO of Marsh People & Investments UK. The appointments strengthen CMIT's representation across the UK's capital markets ecosystem. They will support its work to increase capital flows to UK companies across private and public markets, and advocate for UK pension reform.

Carolyn joins CMIT to represent the voice of scale-up companies. As CEO of Founders Forum Group, she oversees a global community and portfolio of businesses supporting entrepreneurs, including Tech Nation, whose relaunch she spearheaded under the Group's umbrella. She has also led London Tech Week since 2015, first as President of Informa Tech and now through a joint venture between Founders Forum and Informa. Her experience working closely with founders and scaling technology companies will bring further insight into the opportunities and barriers facing high-growth UK businesses as they seek capital.

Phil joins CMIT with significant experience across investment and retirement. He has been President and CEO of Marsh People & Investments UK (formerly Mercer UK) since March 2026. Before this he served as UK Wealth Business Leader with responsibility for the firm's investments and retirement business. Phil joined Marsh as an Investment Consultant in London in 2007 and has since held several international leadership positions; including in Australia. His experience and Marsh's global perspectives will add further expertise to CMIT.

Carolyn and Phil join CMIT as the Taskforce sharpens its focus on increasing the deployment of risk capital across the UK's private and public markets. Following significant progress on the capital markets reform agenda, CMIT is focused on ensuring those reforms translate into greater investment in UK businesses, supporting companies with the capital they need to grow and scale while enabling savers and pensioners to benefit from their success.

Lisa Gordon, Chair of Cavendish, will be stepping down from the Taskforce, having provided a significant contribution to CMIT's agenda during her time as a member. CMIT is very grateful to Lisa for her valuable insights, and for the important role Cavendish has played in supporting the Taskforce's work to strengthen the UK's capital markets ecosystem.

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

"Britain needs to get investing in itself again. We have made remarkable progress in reforming our capital markets, but ultimately their success must be measured by whether they deliver for the country – connecting capital with the companies that drive growth, while giving savers and pensioners the opportunity to share in that success.

Carolyn and Phil join CMIT at an important point in that work, bringing perspectives from both scaling businesses and long-term investment as we continue to focus on building stronger flows of capital into private and public UK companies."

Carolyn Dawson, CEO of Founders Forum Group, said:

"Founders across the UK have the ambition to build businesses of global scale, but access to the right capital at the right stages of growth remains critical to achieving that potential. I'm delighted to join CMIT and bring the perspective of the scale-up community to its work, helping to ensure our capital markets support ambitious UK companies to grow, scale and succeed."

Phil Parkinson, CEO of Marsh People & Investments UK, said:

"The UK has one of the largest pools of pension capital in the world, and we have an opportunity to make capital work harder by supporting home grown businesses and investments. If we can find

ways to remove some of the barriers to capital being invested into UK, this can contribute to economic growth in the UK and deliver strong outcomes for savers.

“I am pleased to join CMIT and contribute Marsh’s global insights from the asset owner and investor perspective to their work. We have already started to see tangible changes in the UK pensions investment landscape, but there is further work needed to increase long-term investment in the UK benefiting savers and the economy alike.