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Market Movers



Welcome to our April issue of Market Movers which is a summary of recent Executive and Leadership Appointments.

Please feel free to let us know of any relevant Appointments in the future by sending details to aileen.glennon@signium.ie

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A & L Goodbody has announced the appointment of **Conor Owens** as Partner. Owens joins from Maples & Calder, where he was a partner in dispute resolution for 8 years and was with Goodbody for 5 years prior to this.

Bank of Ireland has appointed **Patrick Kennedy** as its new Chairman. He was previously Chief Executive with Paddy Power and will take up his new role with effect from August.

Boyne Valley Group has appointed **Barry Synnott** as CEO. Prior to this he held a number of senior roles within Kerry Group most recently as President – Business Transformation Europe.

Coillte has announced two additions to its Board:

Eamon King and **Gerard Gray** have both been appointed to the Board of Directors. King is a former Senior Executive at Ardagh where he led the organisations' Corporate Development function & Gray is presently Chairman at Regenda Group and previously held executive roles at Ford, PwC, Courtaulds and Pilkington.

Digiweb has announced two senior appointments:

Paul Rellis has been appointed as CEO. He was previously COO for Microsoft Western Europe and former Head of Microsoft Ireland.

Colm Piercy, founder of Digiweb will become Chairman, after over two decades of leading the Company.

Eir has appointed **Stephen Tighe** as Chief Financial Officer. He has been Finance Director for eir's Consumer division, since October 2013 and interim Chief Commercial Officer since July 2017.

Eirgrid has announced the appointment of **Mark Foley** as Chief Executive Officer. Foley joins from Coillte where he is currently Managing Director, Coillte Land Solutions. Prior to working at Coillte, Foley worked with Dublin Airport Authority as Director – Capital Programmes.

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EY has announced a number of new appointments;

Frank O'Keeffe has been appointed as Managing Partner, with effect from 1st July. He joined EY in 1997 and has been the Head of Assurance since 2014.

Cian O'Donovan & **Robert Henson** have been appointed as Partners to their Tax team, with **Ronan Clinton** appointed as Partner to their Assurance team.

IBM Ireland has appointed **Paul Farrell** as General Manager. Prior to this he held the role of Global Business Services Leader UK & Ireland.

Informatica Ireland has appointed **Keith Lyons** as Managing Director. He has been with Informatica for over ten years and in addition to his new role will continue as Vice President of Product Development.

The **Irish Medical Organisation** has announced the appointment of **Susan Clyne** as Chief Executive Officer. She joined the IMO in 1994 and has held the roles of Director of Finance and Chief Operations Officer within the organisation.

Irish Residential Properties REIT has appointed **Tom Kavanagh** as independent Non-Executive Director. Kavanagh is currently a Partner at Deloitte and was Partner at Kavanagh Fennell for 17 years prior to joining Deloitte.

Marlet has appointed **Stephen Kane** as Chief Financial Officer. Prior to this, Kane was Chief Financial Officer with Communicorp, having joined from O2.

Marsh has appointed **Chris Lay** as Chief Executive Officer of its UK & Ireland region. He is currently serving as President and CEO of Marsh Canada and has been with the Company for over 30 years.

Ornua has announced the appointment of **John Jordan** as its CEO. He is currently CEO of Ornua Foods Europe, Middle East Africa and Asia and CEO at DPI Speciality Foods prior to that. He is due to take up the role at the end of June.

Paddy Power Betfair has announced it will appoint **Jonathan Hill** as its Chief Financial Officer in the autumn. He has been CFO at Saga since 2015 and was Group Finance Director at Bovis Homes prior to that.

Retail Excellence Ireland (REI) has announced the appointment of **Kieran O'Brien** as Chairman of its Executive Committee. He is currently Head of Sales & Marketing for the UK and Ireland at Compu b.

Shelbourne Hotel has appointed **JP Kavanagh** as its new General Manager. He was most recently General Manager of the Belmond Grand Hibernian, Ireland's first luxury sleeper train, and has worked in the hospitality industry since 1993.

Tallaght University Hospital Foundation has announced the appointment of **Ronan Foley** as new Chief Executive. He moves from IPB Mutual Insurance Co where he has been CEO & Executive Director for the past five years.

Tullow Oil has appointed **Dorothy Thompson** as Chairperson. Thompson was Chief Executive Officer of Drax Group plc, the international power and energy trading company. Before joining Drax, she managed InterGen's European power business and was Head of Project Finance at PowerGen.