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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](mailto:aileen.glennon@signium.ie)

**AIB** has announced the appointment of **Cathy Bryce** as Managing Director of Corporate, Institutional and Business Banking. She will be part of the Executive Committee. She joins from the National Treasury Management Agency where she held the position of Director, National Development Finance Agency and NewERA unit.

**A & L Goodbody** has appointed **Eileen Roberts** as Chairwoman. She has worked with the company since 1988 and is a Partner in the Litigation and Dispute Resolution Department.

**Arkphire** an Irish owned IT solutions and managed services company has appointed **Daragh McMahon** as Group Financial Controller. His previous roles included Finance Manager with ICON plc and Finance Manager APMEA with H & K International.

The **Arts Council** has appointed **Kevin Rafter** as Chairman. Rafter is currently Full Professor & Head of School of Communications at DCU. He is also a former broadcaster and journalist with RTE and The Sunday Tribune.

**Cara Pharmacy** has appointed **Cormac Tobin** as Chairman. He was previously Managing Director of Celesio UK — parent of the Lloyds pharmacy chain and had worked with the group since 2006. Prior to this, he spent 29 years with Superquinn in senior roles most recently as Retail Director.

**Cook Medical** has appointed **Pat Burke** as Vice President and General Manager. He has worked with the company since 2002, most recently as Director of Operations.

**Cycling Ireland** has appointed **Matt McKerrow** as Chief Executive Officer. He previously worked with Sports New Zealand as National Partnership Manager.

**Datalex**, the travel software company, has appointed **Sean Corkery** as a Non-Executive Director and Deputy Chairman of its Board. He is currently Chairman of Actavo (formerly Siteserv), where he was previously Chief Executive Officer.

**Diageo** has appointed **Debra Crew** as Non-Executive Director. She is the former President and Chief Executive Officer of Reynolds American, a subsidiary of British American Tobacco. Crew previously spent five years at PepsiCo, and is also on the board of Mondelez International, Newell Brands and Stanley Black & Decker.

**Duff & Phelps Ireland** has announced 2 senior appointments:

**Brendan Hanratty** has been appointed as Managing Director Restructuring Advisory practice in the Dublin office. He has been with the practice since 2011.

**Mark Synnott** has been appointed Managing Director Real Estate Advisory Group. Prior to this, he was Director at GVA Donal O Buachalla having previously worked with JLL La Salle.

**First State Investment**, a \$143.8bn global asset management company, has appointed **Adrian Hilderly** as Head of FSI Ireland. He has worked with the company since 2012 as Head of Risk and Compliance. Prior to this, he worked with Blackrock for 10 years.

**Glen Dimplex** has appointed **Fergal Leamy** as Chief Operating Officer. He was previously Chief Executive of Coillte and also worked with private equity firm, Terra Firma and Greencore.

**Ireland Funds America**, the largest Irish philanthropic organisation in the US, has appointed **David Cronin** as President & Chief Executive. He was the Chief Executive of the University of Limerick Foundation since 2008, and is also a member of the Munster Rugby Commercial Board.

**Irish Funds**, Ireland's investment funds trade body, has appointed **Umar Ahmed** as Head of EU Affairs. He previously worked with BNY Mellon in New York, most recently as Vice President, Government Affairs & Public Policy. Prior to this, he worked with Hume Brophy in Brussels as Senior Account Manager.

**Lewis Silkin** the British Law Firm who established a Dublin office in 2018, has appointed **Linda Hynes** as Partner Employment, Immigration and Reward. She has worked with Lewis Silkin since 2018, and previously worked with Leman Solicitors for 6 years. Prior to this, she was Legal Counsel for Coca Cola.

**LK Shields** has appointed **David Naughton** as Partner - Asset Management and Investment Funds. He was previously an Associate at William Fry and also worked with Maples Group.

**Lyondellbasell**, one of the world's largest plastics, chemicals and refining groups, has appointed **Albert Manifold** to its Board. He has worked with CRH since 1998.

**Mason Hayes Curran** has appointed **Muireann Dennehy** as Partner in the Dispute Resolution team, and is also a member of the Investigations & White Collar Crime team. She previously worked in the UK and US, most recently as Senior Associate at Jones Day in London.

**Mazars Ireland** has announced the appointment of five new partners:

**Aedín Morkan** as Partner Audit and Assurance

**Emer O'Riordan** as Partner Audit & Business Advisory

**Patrick Gorry** as Partner Audit and Business

**Hilary Larkin** as Partner within the Financial Advisory division

**Dr Graham Love** as a Partner in the Consulting Services practice.

**Molson Coors Brewing Company** has appointed **Ryan McFarland** as General Manager Ireland. He has worked with the company for 3 years, most recently as Director for Northern Ireland. Prior to this, he worked with Remy Cointreau and Bacardi.

**Northern Trust** has appointed **Melíosa O'Caomh** as Country Head – Ireland. She has worked with Northern Trust for 15 years, most recently as Managing Director.

**OMERS Infrastructure**, an asset management company with a primary focus on utilities in the energy and water sectors, has appointed **Michael McNicholas** as Managing Director. He was Group CEO of Ervia, having previously worked with NTR plc and ESB International.

**Pernod Ricard** have appointed **Colin Kavanagh** as Marketing Director CMO Pernod Ricard EMEA & LATAM. He has worked with the company since 2001, most recently as Vice President Global Marketing - Malibu & Kahlua, The Absolut Company.

**Santander Group** has appointed **Gerry Byrne** as Head of the Group's European Banking Business. He previously worked at AIB for more than three decades, including in senior roles with the Irish bank's then Polish subsidiary Bank Zachodni WBK.

**Schneider Electric** has appointed **Kelly Becker** as Country President of Ireland. She has been with the company for 8 years most recently as Vice-President, Power Solutions Division in Chicago.

**Screen Ireland**, the organisation previously known as the Irish Film Board, has appointed **Désirée Finnegan** as Chief Executive. Finnegan previously worked with Warner Bros Pictures for 15 years.

**Soapbox Labs**, a Children's Speech Recognition Technology company, has appointed **Niamh Bushnell** as Chief Communications Officer. Bushnell was previously Dublin Commissioner for Startups and was also Chief Executive Officer of TechIreland. Prior to these roles, she worked in the US with various technology companies.

**TechIreland** the independent not for profit organisation which promotes Irish-based innovation, has appointed **John O'Dea** as interim Chief Executive Officer. He is a Director with Founder Institute Dublin and previously worked with Enterprise Ireland as Manager – High Potential Start Ups for 13 years.

**The Central Bank of Ireland** has announced the appointment of **Mr Gabriel Makhlouf** as its new Governor with effect from September. He is currently the Treasury Secretary and Chief Executive of the New Zealand Treasury, and the New Zealand Government's Chief Economic and Financial Adviser.

**Total Produce** has appointed **Helen Nolan** as Non-Executive Director. She has been with Bank of Ireland since 1992, and has been Group Secretary since 2009.

**Web Summit** has appointed **Michael Cunningham** as Senior Vice President of Sales. He was previously with CarTrawler for 7 years, most recently as Senior Vice President Distribution Strategy.

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