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ICMA members elect new board and new chairman

(Amsterdam, Netherlands) Members of the International Capital Market Association (ICMA), the leading trade association for financial market participants, elected new board members and a new chairman of the ICMA Board at the ICMA AGM in Amsterdam.

Spencer Lake, Group General Manager and Global Head of Capital Financing at HSBC Global Banking and Markets, replaces Cyrus Ardalan of Barclays who stands down after a four year term as chairman of the ICMA Board.

The new deputy chairman of the board is Jens Peter Leschly Neergaard, Global Head of FICC, Danske Bank, Copenhagen.

Martin Egan, Global Head of Primary Markets and Origination at BNP Paribas becomes vice chairman.

Nannette Hechler-Fayd'herbe, Credit Suisse AG Zurich; Fabio Lisanti, UBS AG Zurich Jens Peter Leschly Neergaard, Danske Bank AS, Copenhagen; Hans Stoter, ING Asset Management B.V., The Hague; and Kathleen J. Yoh, General Electric Capital Corporation, Stamford were elected to the ICMA Board for the first time. Martin Egan, BNP Paribas, London was reelected for a further term.

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Notes for editors

Spencer Lake

Spencer joined HSBC in 2006 as Global Head of Debt Capital Markets and Acquisition Finance. In 2011 he was appointed Co-Head of Global Markets, which includes HSBC's fixed income, commodities and equities activities across sales, trading, origination and research. Since 2013 he has been Global Head of Capital Financing. In this role he has group oversight of debt & equity capital markets, mergers & acquisitions, leveraged & acquisition finance, credit & lending and project & export finance.

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Prior to joining HSBC, Spencer had a 17 year career with Merrill Lynch in New York, Hong Kong and London across a number of areas including real estate finance, investment banking and debt capital markets. During his career at Merrill, Spencer ran Asian debt origination, started and managed European public sector origination, managed European emerging markets asset and liability origination, European financing and risk management and, prior to his departure, ran liability origination in the Pacific Rim (Japan, Asia-Pacific and Australasia).

Before Merrill Lynch, Spencer worked for two years at JP Morgan in real estate investment banking.

Spencer holds a BA degree in International Finance and Marketing from Suffolk University, Massachusetts, and an MBA degree from New York University's Stern School of Business.

Jens Peter Leschly Neergaard

Jens Peter Leschly Neergaard has been Global Head of FICC Danske Bank since 2014, prior to that he was Global Head of TFM (Trading Financial Markets) Danske Bank Markets. He has held a number of senior positions at Danske Bank in the course of a long career in capital markets.

Jens Peter has qualifications from business schools in Europe and the USA including INSEAD and Harvard.

Martin Egan

Martin Egan is the Global Head of Primary Markets and Origination at BNP Paribas, encapsulating Syndicate, Debt Capital Markets and Securitisation. Martin also co-heads the management of the Corporate Sales and Marketing for IR, FX and Credit hedging products and Global Structuring.

In addition, Martin is the UK Head of Fixed Income at BNP Paribas and is responsible for overseeing day-to-day client activity and trading positions, as well as ensuring that Fixed Income in the UK meets its regulatory requirements and enhancing the collaboration between Fixed Income and UK CIB and IS business lines.

Martin joined BNP Paribas in 2001 from Credit Suisse First Boston, where he worked as a Director and syndicate manager. In this position, he was responsible for all fixed and floating rate flow business and was actively involved in the pricing and syndication of all new issues underwritten by CSFB.

Prior to Credit Suisse, Martin worked at Union Bank of Switzerland, initially as trader on the syndicate desk and was subsequently promoted to Director, responsible for risk management and trading on all new issue products.

International Capital Market Association (ICMA)

ICMA is the trade association for the international capital market with some 470 member firms from almost 60 countries, including banks, issuers, asset managers, infrastructure providers and law firms.

ICMA performs a crucial central role in the market by providing industry-driven rules and recommendations which regulate issuance, trading and settlement in international fixed income and related instruments.

ICMA liaises closely with regulatory and governmental authorities, both at the national and supranational level, to ensure that financial regulation promotes the efficiency and cost effectiveness of the capital market. www.icmagroup.org

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