

# Media Release

IFM Investors 

## IFM Investors appoints Neil Macdonald as Global Client Solutions Head of Business Operations

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IFM Investors, a global investment manager owned by Australian pension funds, has appointed Neil Macdonald as Head of Business Operations in its Global Client Solutions team, effective from 4 December 2023.

Macdonald will be based in London and report to IFM's Head of Global Client Solutions, John Gee-Grant. As Head of Business Operations, Macdonald will be responsible for designing and implementing a class-leading operating model for IFM's sales and service functions.

His career in the asset management sector has encompassed senior posts at BlackRock, JP Morgan and, most recently, State Street, where he was responsible for strategic direction and solutions structuring for the bank's asset manager clients in APAC. Macdonald has also held senior positions at KPMG Advisory, Barclays Bank, and NatWest Bank.

Macdonald joins other recent hires in the Global Client Solutions team, including Armit Bhambra (Head of Europe) and Peter Swarbreck (Head of Asia).

IFM is a global private markets specialist managing funds that are invested on behalf of working people into assets that are essential for society, such as toll roads, airports, seaports, and renewable energy producers.

By managing, operating, and investing in critical assets, IFM seeks to maximize long-term returns to clients and their members and beneficiaries, as well as creating positive and wide-ranging benefits for communities around the world.

In November, IFM Investors signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the UK Government which announced our intention to invest £10 billion in the UK across infrastructure equity and debt by 2027.

### **Quote attributable to John Gee-Grant, IFM Investors Head of Global Client Solutions:**

*"I'm thrilled that Neil has chosen to join IFM Investors. He has great experience across geographies, client segments and functions, and will help us build on IFM's strengths and continue to enhance our client value proposition."*

### **Quotes attributable to Neil Macdonald, IFM Investors Global Client Solutions Head of Business Operations:**

*"I'm proud to be joining a firm whose purpose to invest, protect and grow the long-term retirement savings of working people aligns so closely with why I find working in the asset management sector so satisfying."*

*"This is a very exciting period for IFM as it evolves from a successful Australian fund manager with global ambitions, to a global fund manager with a proud Australian heritage and I look forward to being part of that growth journey."*

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**ABOUT IFM INVESTORS**

IFM Investors was established more than 25 years ago with the aim to invest, protect and grow the long-term retirement savings of working people. Owned by a group of Australian pension funds, the organisation has approximately A\$217 billion under management as at 30 June 2023. Because IFM is owned by industry pension funds, we prioritise the interests of 640 like-minded investors worldwide by focusing on assets that combine excellent long-term risk/reward characteristics with broad economic and social benefits to the community. As a signatory to The United Nations-supported Principles for Responsible Investment, IFM actively engages on ESG issues with the companies in which we invest with the aim of enhancing their net performance while minimising investment risk. Operating globally from offices in Melbourne, Sydney, London, Berlin, Zurich, Amsterdam, Milan, New York, Houston, Hong Kong, Seoul and Tokyo, IFM manages investments across infrastructure, debt, listed equities and private equity assets. For more information, visit [www.ifminvestors.com](http://www.ifminvestors.com)