

BMO Global Asset Management appoints sustainable business leader Marga Hoek to Responsible Investment Advisory Council

LONDON, 16 January 2017 – BMO Global Asset Management’s Responsible Investment Advisory Council (RIAC) today announces the appointment of Marga Hoek to the Council with immediate effect. The Council further consists of five highly regarded experts¹ in their fields, including the Most Reverend Council President Justin Welby, and Council Chair Howard Pearce, who bring international experience across responsible investment, environmental, social and ethical issues.

Marga Hoek is an internationally recognised figurehead on sustainable business and capital with extensive experience both as a CEO and entrepreneur. Marga is a visionary writer and speaker, recently publishing the award winning book *New Economy Business*, which details how business and capital can make a positive impact on the world’s assets.

Commenting on Marga Hoek’s appointment, Justin Welby, President, BMO Global Asset Management Responsible Investment Advisory Council, said: “We welcome Marga Hoek with great pleasure. Her specific expertise and profile complement those of the other members on the Council and provide further insight on the issues that are crucial to the oversight of the BMO Responsible Fund range. I am proud to have presided over this Council since its launch and I am excited that Marga will be onboard to help us celebrate our two year anniversary.”

Richard Wilson, CEO, BMO Global Asset Management: “The expertise of the Responsible Investment Advisory Council plays a big role in ensuring we are providing investors with investments which are true to the criteria of the fund and are of the highest ethical standards. We are delighted Marga has joined the Council to provide additional expertise.”

Marga Hoek added: “BMO Global Asset Management is an industry-leader in Responsible Investment, highlighted most recently by winning awards for ‘Best Sustainable Investment Fund Management Group’ and ‘Best Ethical Investment Fund Management Group’ at the Investment Week Sustainable Investment Awards. The Council plays an important role in ensuring the funds adhere to the highest standards,

¹ For additional information on all Council members, please follow this [link](#)

offering truly sustainable solutions for investors. I am honoured to contribute to their endeavours.”

Following the end of a two-year term, **Annemieke Wijn** will be stepping down from the Council.

Justin Welby commented: “Annemieke provided the Council with valuable insights on environmental and ethical issues. We wish her the very best for the future and thank her for her great contribution, time and effort, during her two year term.”

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About BMO Global Asset Management

BMO Global Asset Management is a global investment manager with offices in more than 25 cities in 14 countries, delivering service excellence to clients across five continents. It is the second largest provider of ETFs in Canada and has a strong and growing presence in Europe, having purchased F&C Asset Management in July 2014.

BMO Global Asset management’s four major investment centers in Toronto, Chicago, London and Hong Kong are complemented by a network of world-class boutique managers strategically located across the globe: BMO Real Estate Partners, LGM Investments, Money, Inc., Pymfod International Ltd., and Taplin, Canada & Habacht, LLC. BMO Global Asset Management is a signatory of the United Nations-supported Principles for Responsible Investment initiative (UNPRI).

BMO Global Asset Management is a part of BMO Financial Group, a highly diversified financial services provider based in North America with total assets of CDN \$688 billion as of October 31, 2016 and more than 45,000 employees. BMO Wealth Management has worldwide assets under management of CDN \$406 billion.

About Marga Hoek

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Marga Hoek's main drive is to contribute, with the biggest possible impact, to business and capital becoming a major part of the solution for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). All her initiatives and roles lead to that goal. Her mission is to redirect both business and capital around the world to achieve the aim of making business and capital for good the norm, rather than the exception.

She has extensive experience as CEO and Board member of various companies and was CEO of the Dutch Sustainable Business Association from 2010 until 2016. She holds several international Advisory and Supervisory Board positions for large companies in which she has impact on business, capital, science and politics, but is connected to the start-up and scale-up world at the same time. She regularly publishes articles in opinion leading media such as The Huffington Post, Executive Finance and G7.

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