



## Octo appoints James McKechnie and Angela Warburton to board

Octo Members Group Limited – the innovative, app-based proposition for the financial services community – has appointed to its board James McKechnie as non-executive chairman and Angela Warburton as non-executive director.

James McKechnie brings more than 35 years' experience in business, banking and financial services – having worked with organisations such as Phillips Petroleum, Hill Samuel Bank, Union Bank of Switzerland and Deutsche Bank. He is non-executive chairman of The Advocacy Group Limited, a trustee of the Board of St Luke's Centre Management Company and holds other non-executive board positions. James has also chosen to invest into the business at this time.

Angela Warburton has more than 20 years' experience in external relations and communications, most recently as global head of communications at Janus Henderson. She has worked as both an in-house communications adviser and a consultant for numerous companies in the UK and abroad.

Lee Robertson, Octo Members CEO, said: *"Having worked alongside James for many years, I know his wealth of board experience, utmost integrity and financial acumen will bring the right balance of support, creativity and challenge to Octo Members executive directors as we continue to grow the company.*

*"As a community, as well as an ideas incubator for financial services professionals, the board is determined to take positive steps to reflect the diversity of the society in which we live. Angela's appointment will help ensure this is addressed at board level in our business and that we maintain our commitment to important social considerations in our approach.*

*"I express the delight of the entire company that individuals of this calibre have chosen to join our board."*

The appointment of James and Angela takes the Octo board to seven members, including:

**Lee Robertson** *Founder and Chief Executive Officer*

**Andrew Brown** *Founder and Chief Financial Officer*

**Robert Page** *Founder and Chief Marketing Officer*

**Jonathon Rocchi** *Founder and Director*

**Steve Andrews** *Non-Executive Director*

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## **Notes to Editors**

### ***Biographies***

#### **James McKechnie**

James McKechnie is non-executive chairman of The Advocacy Group Limited. With a career spanning over 35 years in organisations such as Phillips Petroleum, Hill Samuel Bank, Union Bank of Switzerland and Deutsche Bank, he draws upon his wealth of experience from roles that include European head of property and services and managing director. With experience as a non-executive director on the boards of a range of companies and a trustee of the board of St Luke's Centre Management Company Ltd.

#### **Angela Warburton**

Angela Warburton has more than 20 years' experience as a communications consultant and advisor, predominantly in the financial services sector. Most recently, she held global communications and marketing roles at Janus Henderson and Aviva Investors. Prior to that she has worked with numerous organisations in the UK, Australia and New Zealand.

#### **About Octo**

Octo Members is the first private community app for UK financial services professionals. Together we are creating the largest, most comprehensive community-generated collection of ideas and world-class content created exclusively by and for its members.

*We invite you to Connect. Share. Engage.*

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