

Aztec Group bolsters leadership team with senior appointments

We're delighted to announce that we've made two significant senior promotions. Mark Wanless has been appointed Chief Operating Officer (COO), while Paul Conroy has been appointed Group Head of Real Assets and Private Debt.

With the Group for over ten years, Mark has played an instrumental role in our growth in that time, establishing and subsequently leading our real assets and private debt offerings. In his new position as COO, he will have overall responsibility for designing and delivering the Group's operational strategy. Mark will also oversee our IT, business improvement and facilities teams.

With over 20 years' experience in the funds sector, Mark is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and the Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst Association.

Paul has assumed Mark's former position as Group Head of Real Assets and Private Debt. In his new role, Paul will have overall responsibility for the development, growth and delivery of our real assets and private debt service offerings. Leading a multi-jurisdictional team of over 160 real assets and private debt administration professionals, he will oversee client relationship management, service delivery and business development across real estate, infrastructure, asset leasing and private debt.

In his previous role, Paul was Head of Real Assets for Jersey and served as a member of the Group's real assets leadership team, responsible for developing and enhancing the Group's multi-jurisdictional real assets offering. A member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, Paul joined the Group in 2014 from PwC, where he held a number of senior audit roles during a 10-year tenure with the company, spanning Jersey, London and Melbourne.

Edward Moore, Chief Executive Officer, said:

"Mark represents an excellent fit for the COO role because of the unique skill set he brings to the table. Not only has he played an integral role in the establishment and operation of our control framework since joining the business,

but his extensive client-facing experience means he can be relied upon to deliver an operating platform that complements our service model.”

He added: “Paul has worked alongside Mark for some time and possesses outstanding knowledge of our business, values and client base. He has consistently demonstrated his leadership abilities over his time with the Group and I have no doubt that our multi-jurisdictional real assets and private debt teams will continue to flourish under his management. Congratulations to both Mark and Paul on their well-deserved promotions.”