

Aztec Group appoints Claire Stapleton as Group Head of Real Assets

Aztec Group is pleased to announce the appointment of Claire Stapleton as Group Head of Real Assets.

Based in Kilkenny, Ireland, Claire will lead the real assets offering at Aztec Group, with a remit to provide group-wide service delivery oversight to its real assets clients. She will also be responsible for developing and implementing strategy, enhancing the operational efficiency and effectiveness and driving the growth and innovation of the Group's real assets services.

Claire joins Aztec Group from Bank of New York Mellon where she was Global Head of Real Estate Accounting, overseeing the fund accounting and operations team for the Global Real Assets line of business. Prior to that, she was Vice President and Head of the Kilkenny Real Assets & Private Equity Team at State Street International (Ireland) Limited.

Claire said: "I am delighted to join the reputable and experienced real assets team at Aztec. I was attracted to the business by its compelling vision and solid values – not just as another service provider, but as a truly relationship-led business that continually invests in its people and technology.

"Getting to know the team, it became clear how its collaborative, people-focused culture also delivers for clients in spades. I'm excited to be joining Aztec at this pivotal time in its journey."

Claire's appointment follows the Group's recent move into Ireland, with the opening of its offices in Dublin and Kilkenny in March 2023.

James Gow, Group Managing Director – Markets, at Aztec Group, said: "I am pleased to welcome Claire to the team. She brings a wealth of experience and expertise in real assets and private equity fund administration, as well as a proven track record of leading and managing large and complex teams across multiple jurisdictions. Claire's appointment reflects our commitment to investing in our

people and our capabilities, and to providing our clients with the highest level of service and support.

“With Claire’s local expertise in Ireland, combined with her distinct global perspective, we are confident that we can continue to deliver on our promise of unrivalled service quality and value to our real estate clients, while building on the success of our new presence in Ireland.”

Claire is a qualified chartered accountant and a fellow of Chartered Accountants Ireland. She also holds a diploma in IFRS, a diploma in US GAAP, and a bachelor’s degree in law and accounting from the University of Limerick.