Aztec Group appoints Melissa Ferraz as Chief Commercial Officer

Aztec Group, a premium provider of private markets services, today announced the appointment of Melissa Ferraz as Chief Commercial Officer and member of its Executive Committee.

Melissa joins Aztec from BlackRock, where she held senior Managing Director roles across its private markets and technology businesses. Originally from the U.S., she brings more than 20 years of experience leading and growing businesses across private markets, financial services, technology and data, working with clients and teams across North America, Europe and other international markets.

Alongside the recent appointments of Benjamin Lucas as Chief Executive Officer and Jason Adams as Chief Technology Officer, Melissa's appointment further strengthens Aztec's leadership team as the business enters its next phase of global growth and investment. Melissa will lead the firm's global commercial strategy, with responsibility for deepening global client relationships and accelerating growth opportunities across the Group.

Commenting on the appointment, Benjamin Lucas, Chief Executive Officer of Aztec Group, said: "Melissa joins Aztec at an important time for our business and our clients. As private markets evolve, clients need partners who can combine deep expertise, exceptional service and innovative technology to create real value. Melissa brings exactly that. She is an exceptional leader with deep private markets experience and a proven track record of building and growing businesses at the intersection of clients, technology and data. Just as importantly, she shares our commitment to client service and long-term partnership.

"Her appointment reflects our ambition and our commitment to building the future of fund administration. As we continue investing in the capabilities, expertise and transformational technology our clients need, her experience and leadership will be invaluable. I am delighted to welcome her to Aztec."

At BlackRock, she held a series of senior leadership positions across Aladdin, eFront and Preqin, helping shape commercial, product and operating strategies to deliver across private and public markets for some of the world's leading financial institutions. Prior to this, Melissa held senior commercial leadership roles across the private markets technology sector, including at IHS Markit, Ipreo, iLEVEL, S&P Global and FactSet.

"What has impressed me about Aztec is its ability to combine deep expertise, exceptional client focus and a genuine alignment around a shared ambition for the future," said Melissa Ferraz. "Private markets are entering a period of significant opportunity, and Aztec is well positioned to help clients achieve their ambitions. I am excited to work alongside Benjamin, the Executive Committee and colleagues across the Group to bring together our people, expertise and technology to create even greater opportunities for our clients and continue delivering exceptional outcomes."

Melissa's appointment follows a series of strategic leadership hires as Aztec continues to invest in leadership, expertise and operational excellence, including Benjamin Lucas as Chief Executive Officer, Akbar Sheriff as Chief Client Success Officer and Jason Adams as Chief Technology Officer.