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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**HERMES INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT APPOINTS  
HEAD OF INVESTMENT OFFICE**

Hermes Investment Management (Hermes) today announces the appointment of Eoin Murray as Head of Investment Office. Based at the company's headquarters in London, Eoin will report into Chief Executive Saker Nusseibeh.

Eoin will lead the Hermes Investment Office, which is responsible for issuing the 'kitemark' given to all new investment strategies at Hermes. Further to this, the investment office is responsible to clients for the teams' adherence to the processes which earned them their 'kitemarks', as well as for monitoring the continued delivery of risk-adjusted performance. The Head of Investment Office sits alongside the Head of Private Markets, Head of Equities, Head of Fixed Income and Head of Responsibility as the senior investment leadership team.

With over 20 years' investment experience, Eoin joins Hermes from GSA Capital Partners. He was previously Chief Investment Officer at Old Mutual and also held senior positions at Callanish Capital Partners LLP and Northern Trust Global Investments.

**Saker Nusseibeh, Chief Executive, Hermes Investment Management, said:** "Eoin's experience and stature as a Chief Investment Officer reinforces how central the Investment Office is to our offering as an investment house. Alongside the recent appointment of Ian Kennedy as Chief Operating Officer, Eoin's arrival demonstrates the high calibre of experienced individuals that Hermes is continuing to attract."

**Eoin Murray, Head of Investment Office, Hermes Investment Management, said:** "Hermes operates at an extremely high standard; striving to deliver superior, long-term, risk-adjusted returns responsibly. I am thrilled be joining this dynamically growing organisation and to working with a first class team."

Under the leadership of Hermes' Executive Committee, Saker Nusseibeh as CEO, Harriet Steel as Head of Business Development and Chris Taylor as Head of Private Markets, Hermes has significantly increased its third party assets, from 8% of revenue in January 2012 to approaching 40% as at December 2014.

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## Notes to Editors:

### Hermes Investment Management

Hermes is focused on delivering superior, sustainable, risk adjusted returns for our clients – responsibly.

Hermes manages assets on behalf of more than 200 clients\* across equities, fixed income, alternatives and real estate, with £28.6 billion\* assets under management. In Hermes EOS, we have the industry's leading engagement resource, advising on more than £134.0 billion\* of assets.

We believe in **Excellence, Responsibility and Innovation**

- **Excellence:** We aspire to excellence in everything we do. This manifests itself most visibly in our investment performance. We will only offer products to our clients where we believe there is a strong investment thesis and where we can deliver sustainable alpha.
- **Responsibility:** We believe it is our responsibility to lead discussion and debate about the fiduciary responsibilities of fund managers to our clients, their stakeholders and, ultimately, society at large. We have always sought positive engagement with the firms in which we invest.
- **Innovation:** We have the entrepreneurial culture to identify forward-looking products that meet those needs, along with the resources and speed-to-market mentality to develop them rapidly.

Our structure gives clients globally the benefit of access to a broad range of specialist, high conviction investment teams operating within an established and robust operating platform.

Hermes' investment solutions include:

- **Equities:** Global, Emerging Markets, Small & Mid Cap, Europe, Asia Ex Japan, Greater China
- **Fixed Income:** Inflation-Linked, Government Bonds, Investment Grade, High Yield
- **Real Estate:** Segregated, Unitised, Debt, UK, US Residential, European, UK PRS
- **Alternatives:** Multi Asset, Infrastructure, Private Equity

\*Please note the total AuM figure includes £3.7bn of assets managed or under an advisory agreement by Hermes GPE LLP ("HGPE"), a joint venture between Hermes Fund Managers ("HFM") and GPE Partner Limited. HGPE is an independent entity and not part of the Hermes group. £0.4bn of total group AuM figure represents HFM mandates under advice. Source: Hermes as at 31 December 2014.