

JENNY RODGERS HANDS OVER FUND REINS AS SHE LEAVES M&G

London, 19 December 2019 – M&G today announces that Jenny Rodgers is to leave M&G after 28 years to pursue a career in academia. From 31st December 2019, Tristan Hanson will take over her role as manager of the £193 million M&G Charity Multi Asset Fund and Craig Simpson will join Eric Lonergan as co-manager of the £862 million M&G Episode Growth Fund.

Hanson joined M&G in 2016 and has managed M&G's £169 million Global Target Return strategy since its launch in the same year. Hanson has deputised on the M&G Charity Multi Asset Fund since April 2018. Simpson, who heads up portfolio management for the multi asset team, has been with the business for 15 years, overseeing portfolio construction and trading for the team, as well as deputising on M&G's Global Target Return strategy.

There will be no change to either of the funds' aims or objectives.

Dave Fishwick, Head of Multi Asset, M&G Investments, says: "I'd like to thank Jenny for her tremendous service to the business over the past 28 years, providing excellent returns for our customers and for being such a great mentor to team members past and present. We wish Jenny well as she pursues a new career path.

"In Tristan and Craig, we have two managers who have demonstrated during their time in the financial markets that they are well placed to generate the returns our customers have come to expect."

Jack Daniels, Chief Investment Officer of M&G plc, says: "Through her involvement in mentoring both inside and outside of our organisation, Jenny has been a role model for our industry. One of her passions has been to encourage young women, in particular, to continue studies in mathematics and economics and she has been an inspiration to many within the business who have, and continue to, follow in her footsteps. I would like to thank Jenny for her contribution on behalf of our customers who have benefited from her expertise."

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Biographies

Jenny Rodgers joined Prudential Portfolio Managers (now M&G) in 1994, initially analysing European equity markets and acting as a portfolio manager for external clients. She has been part of what is today the Macro & Multi Asset team since it was established in 1999. In January 2011, Jenny was appointed co-fund manager of the M&G Episode Growth Fund, and in September 2016 took over the management of one of M&G's charity funds, the National Association of Almshouses Common Investment Fund. Jenny is a CFA charterholder and has a BA Honours in Economics from Exeter University.

Tristan Hanson was appointed manager of the M&G Global Target Return Funds upon their launch in December 2016, and is deputy fund manager of the M&G Charity Multi Asset Fund (formerly known as the National Association of Almshouses Common Investment Fund) since April 2018. Tristan has over 20 years of experience in asset management and joined M&G in April 2016 from Ashburton Investments, where he started in 2008 and was appointed Head of Asset Allocation with responsibility for global multi-asset funds in 2010. Prior to this, Tristan worked as a Strategist at JP Morgan Cazenove from 1999 to 2006, covering equities, fixed income and currencies. Tristan holds a Master in Public Administration in International Development from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government and a BA (Hons) in Economics from Durham University.

Craig Simpson is the Head of Portfolio Management for the Macro Investment Business. He joined the team in August 2004 as a Portfolio Manager, working on the Prudential Life Fund and World Value Fund. He is responsible for the Investment Implementation function that oversees portfolio construction and trading. Craig is also a currency specialist for the Macro Investment Business. Prior to joining the team, he worked as a Senior Telecoms Analyst for Pictet Asset Management and as a Trainee Fund Manager for the Equitable Life Assurance Society.

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