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Australian Governance & Ethical Index Fund
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Jeffrey Whalan to retire from Advisory Committee

Jeffrey Whalan has informed Walsh & Company Investments Limited, as responsible entity for the Australian Governance & Ethical Index Fund (AGM or Fund), of his intention to retire as a member of the Fund's Advisory Committee effective today.

"The Fund would like to thank Jeff for his service as Chairman of the Advisory Committee and in particular his extensive contribution and guidance with regards to both operations and investment strategy since the launch of AGM," said Mr Alex MacLachlan, Chairman of the Responsible Entity.

"We would also like to take the opportunity to thank Jeff for his indispensable role as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the precursor strategy to AGM, the Australian Governance Masters Index Fund Limited (AQF). As a foundation board member, Jeff was instrumental in the formulation of AQF's initial investment strategy, as well as overseeing the evolution and transition of AQF to AGM."

Dr Ian Watt, a member of the Advisory Committee since the launch of AGM, will commence as Advisory Committee Chairman effective immediately.

Dr Ian J Watt, AC

Dr Watt has had a long career as one of Australia's most distinguished public servants, with nearly 20 years at the highest levels of the public service. His most recent and most senior appointment was as Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and head of the Australian Public Service, a position he held from 2011 until the end of 2014. Prior to that, he was Secretary of the Departments of Defence; Finance; and Communications, Information Technology and the Arts between 2001 and 2011.

Dr Watt serves on the boards of Citigroup Australia, Smartgroup Corporation, the Committee for Economic Development of Australia (CEDA), the Grattan Institute (University of Melbourne) and O'Connell Street Associates. Dr Watt is also the Chairman of BAE Systems Australia, and a Founding Member of the Male Champions of Change, a group committed to driving gender equality as an issue of national and international social and economic importance.

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