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### **AWF Madison Group announces retirement of Associate Director**

Rachel Hopkins, who joined the Board of the AWF Madison Group as an Associate Director, in May 2015, under the Institute of Directors' Future Directors program (the "Program"), has retired from the Board of the Company as her tenure under the Program has come to an end.

Run by the Institute of Directors, the Program provides a basis where the next generation of directors receive mentoring, advice, and practical insight into the boardroom, while host boards get a new perspective and expertise on emerging issues like sustainability and social media.

AWF Madison Group chair Ross Keenan said: "In my view Rachel certainly contributed to the Board in a manner that we had hoped for, in a style that was well respected by my colleagues and me".

As a result of Rachel's positive contribution, AWF Madison Group proposes continuing to participate in the Program, and will work with executive search firm Hobson Leavy, who undertook the search previously, to find the right person for the role.

"Future Directors is a fantastic opportunity to bridge the generation gap in governance," says AWF Madison Group's Simon Hull. "We're very proud to be involved and can't speak highly enough of the whole process."

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