

INSIGHT HIRES HEAD OF RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT RESEARCH

LONDON – 3 December 2024: Insight Investment, a global asset and risk manager with £665.1bn under management^{1, 2} has hired Chandra Gopinathan as Head of Responsible Investment Research.

Chandra is responsible for leading Insight's sustainability-related research activities and integrating research findings to improve long-term decision making. He is based in London and reports to Robert Sawbridge, Head of Responsible Investment.

"Chandra has impressive experience gained over two decades across investment strategy, credit, stewardship, climate and Net Zero initiatives with a specific focus on fixed income," says Robert Sawbridge. "He has proven experience of implementing and delivering responsible investment research programmes in institutional markets and comes with an important understanding of asset owner requirements in this space."

Prior to joining Insight, Chandra was a senior investment manager at Railpen where he co-led the credit strategy and manager selection team, analysing credit risk for inclusion in the investment process. He has played a leading role in developing industry guidelines for bondholders with regard to sustainability issues, chairing both the Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change (IIGCC) Bondholder Stewardship working group and the Asset Owner Working Group of the Transition Pathway Initiative.

Insight believes that investment managers must be able to draw upon a deep bank of academic research demonstrating rigorous financial analysis that underpins investment decisions. This is especially true for sustainability and responsible investment, where it is crucial to separate reality from rhetoric.

Insight's dedicated research seeks to inform its global investment capabilities and support investment strategies seeking sustainability outcomes alongside a financial return. Insight's Responsible Horizons strategies invest across fixed income markets and look to emphasise the best and avoid the worst performers on environmental and social issues, with dedicated strategies focused on the green and social 'impact bond' markets. Insight is working towards incorporating net-zero objectives in buy-and-maintain credit portfolios which are widely owned by UK defined benefit pension scheme clients.

In 2024, Insight was ranked in first place for Overall Fixed Income Quality (Investment Quality and Service Quality) by UK Investment Consultants and has been ranked in first place for Overall Fixed Income Quality in nine of the last 11 years.³ Additionally, Insight was named Sustainable Corporate Bond manager of the Year in Professional Pensions Investment Awards⁴ and Fixed Income Manager of the Year at the UK Pensions Awards.^{5, 6}

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About Insight

Insight Investment (“Insight”) is a group of leading asset managers focused on designing investment solutions to meet its clients’ needs. Founded in 2002, Insight’s collaborative approach has delivered both investment performance and growth in assets under management. Insight managed £665.1bn of assets as at 30 September 2024 across its core liability driven investment, risk management, full-spectrum fixed income and currency capabilities.

Insight has a clear mission and purpose to offer investors a different approach to achieving their investment goals; one that prioritises the certainty of meeting investors’ chosen objectives in contrast to the traditional focus on maximising return and minimising volatility.

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More information about Insight can be found at: www.insightinvestment.com

¹As at 30 September 2024. Assets under management (AUM) are represented by the value of cash securities and other economic exposure managed for clients. Figures shown in GBP. Reflects the AUM of Insight, the corporate brand for certain companies operated by Insight Investment Management Limited (IIML). Insight includes, among others, Insight Investment Management (Global) Limited (IIMG), Insight Investment International Limited (IIL), Insight Investment Management (Europe) Limited (IIMEL) and Insight North America LLC (INA), each of which provides asset management services.

² Insight is ranked #5 by AUM in IPE’s ‘Top 120 European Institutional Managers 2024’ rankings and #29 in IPE’s ‘Top 500 Asset Manager 2024’ rankings.

³ Coalition Greenwich 2024 UK Investment Consultant Research. Fixed income results are based on interviews with 10 UK consultants evaluating fixed income managers. The Coalition Greenwich Quality Index Overall is a composite of Investment and Service scores.

⁴ Professional Pensions Investment Awards announced 20 November 2024

⁵ Professional Pensions UK Pensions Awards announced 7 June 2024

⁶ See Insight’s Awards page for more information ([link](#))

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