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New hire to make impact in AllianzGI's sustainable investing drive

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Summary

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- Matt Christensen to join AllianzGI as Global Head of Sustainable and Impact Investing
- As part of AllianzGI's expansion of its overall Sustainable Investing client proposition, Christensen will accelerate the growth of Impact Investing at the firm

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As well as succeeding Beatrix Anton-Groenemeyer, who is retiring as Chief Sustainability Officer, Matt Christensen will have investment oversight for our impact investments, which is an increasingly important part of AllianzGI's Sustainable Investing proposition for clients.

Matt Christensen will join AllianzGI in December from Axa Investment Managers, where he has been Global Head of Responsible Investment and Impact Strategy since 2011. Before this, he was the Founding Executive Director of the think-tank Eurosif (European Sustainable Investment Forum) from 2002.

Commenting on the appointment, Deborah Zurkow, Global Head of Investments for AllianzGI, said: *"We are delighted to be welcoming Matt Christensen to Allianz Global Investors. His reputation in Impact and Responsible Investing, together with his entrepreneurial spirit, make him a great fit for us and the direction we are committed to taking our client offering. Under his leadership, we will continue to invest in all aspects of Sustainability from Active Stewardship and ESG integration to flagship impact strategies and more SRI-compliant products. Matt's experience in impact investing is particularly significant given its position at the nexus of two strategic cornerstones for AllianzGI: the build-out of our private markets offering as well as sustainability."*

Matt Christensen will be based out of AllianzGI's Paris office with a team based across several locations globally. His appointment will be followed by other hires as part of AllianzGI's strategic build out of its Sustainable Investment proposition for clients.

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