



PRESS RELEASE

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Vigeo targets the UK market and opens an office in London

Lindsay Smart will spearhead business development in the UK

Vigeo, the leading European expert in the assessment of environmental, social and governance (ESG) risks, plans expansion in the UK market.

Building on 15 years experience partnering with some of the most committed and demanding responsible investing players, Vigeo has established a reputation for rigorous and in-depth ESG research, centered on core and sector-specific drivers of sustainable performance and risk mitigation.

The company has steadily and sustainably increased their global research coverage and product range. Vigeo now considers the UK a primary target for their cutting-edge ESG research.

“The UK is a leading and dynamic place for sustainable and responsible investing. Through this local presence, we will better serve our existing clients in the UK and promote the added value of our research and the wide range of responsible investment solutions developed by Vigeo » says **Nicole Notat, founder and chairwoman of Vigeo.**

Lindsay Smart (née Tufft) has been appointed as UK Business Development Manager and will be based in London. She was previously Head of Executive Communications and Sustainability Initiatives Manager at Citi Global Transaction Services. Prior to this, she worked for RCM (Allianz Global Investors) as marketing manager and product specialist with a focus on sustainability and environmental technology products.

A graduate of Aberdeen University with a MSc from Imperial College (London), she joins Vigeo with 9 years financial industry experience, including roles with JP Morgan Asset Management and Chase Manhattan Bank.

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About Vigeo

Vigeo is the leading European expert in responsible performance. Founded in 2002 and headed by Nicole Notat, Vigeo measures the performances and risks of companies with regard to six areas of corporate social responsibility: environment, human rights, human resources, community involvement, business behaviour and corporate governance.

Vigeo offers two lines of services through two business brands:

- *Vigeo rating –the way to responsible investment-* offers a broad range of products and services to investors seeking a sustainable and responsible performance of their investments;
- *Vigeo enterprise –the way to responsible management-* conducts global CSR audits as well as thematic audits .

Vigeo rating's research meets high quality standards and is externally certified to the CSRR-QS 2.1 standard.

Vigeo is present in Paris, Casablanca, Brussels, Milan, Tokyo and London. The Vigeo team comprises 95 employees of 14 different nationalities.

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