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HEARTWOOD EXPANDS TEAM WITH THE APPOINTMENT OF GILES PEEL AS HEAD OF INVESTMENT COMMUNICATIONS

Heartwood, the independently owned wealth manager, has appointed Giles Peel as Head of Investment Communications. In this newly created position, Giles will be responsible for communicating investment strategy, portfolio activity, market commentaries and economic views to Heartwood's growing client base. He will be based in the firm's London office and will report to Noland Carter, Chief Investment Officer.

Giles, who brings extensive writing and editing experience from across the financial sector, joins Heartwood from Coutts, where he was Head of Investment Communications. In that role, he significantly raised the overall standard of written communications to internal and external clients. Before that, he was head of Investment and Product Writing at Barclays Wealth, where he assembled and led one of the most respected teams within the industry for six years.

Giles spent several years of his career as a journalist and editor for publications such as Institutional Investor and CFO Europe. He was also a speech writer at Lloyds of London for the Chairman and other senior executives.

Noland Carter commented: "Giles is a highly experienced, well-regarded investment communications professional, and his decision to join Heartwood reflects our continued ability to attract talent of the highest calibre. Giles will play a key role in ensuring that all our investment-related communications are 'best in class'. We appreciate that clients do not only want strong investment performance; they also need to understand how we will achieve it, what our investment philosophy is and how we limit risk in portfolios. Giles's appointment demonstrates our commitment to providing effective communications as part of the top-quality service we offer to all our clients."

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