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## MICHAEL DOBSON APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Paris, October 3rd, 2023 – The Board of Directors of Sienna Investment Managers ("Sienna IM") has elected Michael Dobson non-executive Chairman, effective September 20th. Former Chief Executive then Chairman of Schroders plc, Michael Dobson succeeds in his new role Ian Gallienne, CEO of GBL, who remains a member of the Board. This decision is the logical next step in Sienna IM's development, bolstering its commitment to uphold the highest standards of governance.

Michael Dobson, 71, brings to Sienna IM four decades of leadership in financial services and board positions, as well as experience providing independent advice to management teams. Following an executive career in the City, Michael has been non-executive Chairman of the UK property group Berkeley since mid-2022. Prior to this, he served as Chief Executive of Schroders plc from 2001 to 2016, then Chairman until April 2022. Previously, he held a number of leadership positions at Deutsche Bank AG, including Head of Global Asset Management, Head of Global Investment Banking and Member of the Board of Managing Directors, as well as at Morgan Grenfell Group PLC.

Paul de Leusse, Sienna IM CEO, commented: "We are delighted to welcome Michael who is a veteran of the asset management industry of international caliber. His wealth of knowledge and experience in various fields of our business coupled with his exceptional network will take Sienna IM to the next level."

Michael Dobson, Sienna IM new Chairman, said: "I feel privileged to be entrusted with this role and am looking forward to working with the team at Sienna IM. Together with the Board and Paul de Leusse, we will continue unlocking the full potential of such a robust and purpose-orientated pan-European player."

## **About Sienna Investment Managers**

Sienna IM is the asset management platform of the publicly traded investment holding company GBL ("Groupe Bruxelles Lambert"). Its team of over 280 professionals operates in Luxembourg, London, Paris, Hamburg, Frankfurt, Madrid, Amsterdam, Zurich and Seoul. Sienna oversees €32 billion as of June 2023 mainly on behalf of third parties in listed assets, real estate, private debt, private equity and venture capital.

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# **About Groupe Bruxelles Lambert**

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shareholder base. As a responsible company and investor, GBL perceives ESG factors as being inextricably linked to value creation.

GBL aims to grow its diversified high-quality portfolio of listed, private and alternative investments.

GBL is focused on *delivering meaningful growth* by providing attractive returns to its shareholders through a combination of growth in its net asset value, a sustainable dividend and share buybacks. GBL is listed on Euronext Brussels (Ticker: GBLB BB; ISIN code: BE0003797140) and is included in the BEL20 index.

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