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### Payne Hicks Beach Announces New Senior Management Position

Leading Central London law firm Payne Hicks Beach is pleased to announce that Virginia Farquharson, a chartered accountant, has been appointed to the newly created Director of Management role, following the retirement of Peter Black, as Managing Partner. Virginia has enjoyed a long career at Payne Hicks Beach for over two decades, principally as Director of Finance and Administration.

Peter Black will retire on 31 May 2016 after a distinguished career at Payne Hicks Beach both as a lawyer and law firm leader. Peter has been at the firm for over 15 years and taken the leadership role of Managing Partner for the past five years.

Peter Black, Managing Partner, comments:

“It has been a privilege to be part of this exceptional firm and as I retire Payne Hicks Beach continues to go from strength to strength. I am thrilled that Virginia has been appointed Director of Management and working together with our Senior Partner, Alastair Murdie the firm will continue to flourish with excellent client service at the core of it.”

Virginia Farquharson, Director of Management, comments:

“I would like to extend the firm’s sincere thanks to Peter for the outstanding leadership he has provided over the years. He will be greatly missed and the collegiate culture and commercial approach he has instilled will continue. The firm is in a very strong position and it is an honour to take on this new position. We remain committed to providing the highest quality service and advice for our clients.”

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#### NOTES TO EDITOR

- Payne Hicks Beach has 60 lawyers and provides specialist legal services to private and commercial clients.

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