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DFI adds two senior hires to team

Deutsche Finance International (DFI), a London-based pan-European private equity real estate investor specialising in operational real estate, has appointed Keith Law and Sally Taylorson-Lavers to the roles of General Counsel and Fund Controller respectively.

Both are part of an expanding senior team who continue to implement the firm's ambitious growth plans and investment strategy.

Law joins DFI as General Counsel from Norton Rose Fulbright, where he spent over 12 years as a corporate lawyer advising on mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, restructuring and equity capital markets with a particular focus on the real estate, infrastructure and energy sectors. Since 2016 Law has worked closely with DFI and advised on transactions with an aggregate transaction value in excess of GBP25 billion including advising DFI on the acquisition of the iconic Olympia London Exhibition Centre and the establishment of DFI's Danish Student Accommodation Platform.

Taylorson-Lavers joins DFI as Fund Controller, with her key responsibilities being the management of financial and accounting operations including oversight of performance measurement, valuation processes, quarterly reporting and transaction support. Previously, Taylorson-Lavers was at M&G Real Estate for five years where she spent time overseeing the financial control for the M&G European Property Fund, UK Residential Property Fund and UK Property Fund. Prior to this she spent over three years in audit at KPMG with a focus on Real Estate clients. Sally is an ICAEW Chartered Accountant having passed the ACA qualification in July 2013.

Gavin Neilan, Co-Founder and Co-Managing Partner at DFI, adds: "These two new senior hires are important next steps in implementing DFI's ambitious growth plans, as we continue to expand our team to support our pan-European investment activities. Keith and Sally are talented industry professionals who bring extensive experience in their respective roles; we are pleased to welcome them to the team and look forward to working with them both at this exciting time for the business."