

## MEDIA RELEASE

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The Board of Accordant Group Limited (AGL) advises the appointment of Simon Bennett as Chair of the Board replacing Ross Keenan following his retirement on January 1, 2022. Simon is currently a non-executive director of the Group.

Retiring chairman Ross Keenan reflected “The Board is delighted to announce Simon’s appointment. Since retiring from his role as Chief Executive earlier in the year and having worked so well with Jason Cherrington to ensure a successful leadership transition, the timing is ideal for Simon to now lead the Group’s governance and strategic direction.”

Simon is a trustee of the ICE Foundation and a director of The Icehouse. Simon’s involvement in the Group began as CEO and a shareholder of Madison Recruitment, which was Accordant’s first major acquisition in 2013. Simon subsequently became CEO of the Group and has been instrumental in transforming the recently renamed Accordant Group into the broader, stronger and diversified business that it is today. His passion for impact alongside profit, has led to the formation of The Work Collective and the Group’s innovation and thought leadership in the ‘future of work’.

Simon Hull, majority shareholder and founder of subsidiary AWF, noted “The Board unanimously supported the appointment and are grateful for the tireless work of Ross Keenan to ensure a smooth transition from his role as founding Chair. The Group is performing well and is poised for future opportunities. Being able to harness Simon’s understanding of industry drivers and levers, together with his insight into the Group’s capability will ensure the Board is optimally supporting management as they work to realise opportunities in such dynamic times as these.’

### **About Accordant Group Limited**

The Group has grown to become New Zealand’s largest recruitment company and the only staffing provider listed on the NZX. It comprises four trading entities; AWF, Madison, Absolute IT and JacksonStone & Partners; with capability spanning all aspects of executive, commercial and industrial recruitment services including permanent, temporary and contractor assignments. Collectively, these operations include 33 branches, employ close to 300 full time staff and deploy up to 3.500 temporary staff and contractors daily.



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