



Media Release

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New Director appointment to the Accordant Group Board.

Following the retirement of longstanding Director Ross Keenan, who made such a significant contribution to the Group throughout his tenure as Chairman, Accordant are pleased to announce the appointment of Richard Stone to the Board of Directors.

On the appointment, Accordant Chairman Simon Bennett commented “we believe Richard has the appropriate skills and industry experience to assist the Board with its focus on effective governance, delivering shareholder value and building on Accordant’s track record of impressive performance in these challenging times.”

Richard joined the human resources consulting industry in 1987, initially with multinational Executive Search Firm Morgan & Banks where he was Regional Director and a Board member. He went on to co-found three successful firms, the most recent being JacksonStone & Partners where he was Executive Chairman. JacksonStone & Partners were acquired by Accordant in 2019.

Richard has held several governance roles in other enterprises over the last 20 years. He has been Chairman of UNICEF NZ, President of the Wellington Chamber of Commerce, a Council member of Business NZ and a Director of Wellington NZ, the regional economic development agency. Presently, he is the Chairman of LifeFlight, the Wellington based rescue helicopter and aeromedical services provider, Chairman of Commerce Building Limited and a Director of Cape Horn Land Company Limited.

Accordant Chief Executive Jason Cherrington echoed Simon Bennett’s comments, adding “I know that Richard is looking forward to making an ongoing contribution to the success of Accordant and continuing his personal connection to Aotearoa. I’m delighted the Board have appointed such an experienced director to join the team.”

In terms of Accordant’s constitution, Mr Stone is required to retire before the next Annual Shareholders’ Meeting in September 2022 and stand for re-election by shareholders at that meeting.

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