



Melissa Cantell joins Aon as chief executive officer of New Zealand

Cantell will continue to help organisations protect and grow their businesses

AUCKLAND, 16 August 2023 - [Aon plc](#) (NYSE: AON), a leading global professional services firm, today announced that Melissa Cantell joined the firm in the role of chief executive officer of New Zealand, effective 24 July 2023.

Cantell most recently served as chief executive officer of Fidelity Life, after serving as chief operating officer and executive general manager of transformation at IAG NZ. Prior to entering the insurance industry, Cantell held multiple leadership roles with Fonterra and Coca-Cola Amatil and has a background as an M&A and corporate finance lawyer.

With Cantell's appointment, Geoff Blampied, previously CEO of New Zealand, formally transitioned into his new role as executive chairman for New Zealand.

"As a leader, it is important across all levels of the organisation to create a workplace that focuses on making a real difference for the colleagues, clients and communities we serve," said Cantell. "Under Geoff's stewardship, we made significant progress in helping our clients shape decisions for the better. I'm humbled and excited to build on that legacy and further enhance our client-serving capabilities in New Zealand."

Anne Corona, chief executive officer of Asia Pacific, Aon, added: "Melissa is an accomplished leader and brings to Aon relevant experience that will accelerate our ability to serve client need in New Zealand. Over the coming months, Melissa will travel the country to meet with colleagues across our vast branch network to better understand how Aon can help our clients address their unmet needs and navigate new forms of complexity. I would also like to express my gratitude to Geoff for the legacy he has created for Aon in New Zealand and Fiji. We look forward to his continued impact as executive chairman."

For more information about Aon in New Zealand, visit aon.co.nz.

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