



# Aon Announces Forthcoming Changes to New Zealand Leadership

## Geoff Blampied to move to Executive Chairman role

**AUCKLAND, 19 January 2023** - [Aon plc](#) (NYSE: AON), a leading global professional services firm, today announced that after 27 years of service as the chief executive officer of Aon New Zealand, Geoff Blampied has shared his plans to move towards retirement.

We are pleased to announce that Melissa Cantell will assume the chief executive officer role and join the Asia-Pacific Executive Committee (APEC) in mid-2023, with Blampied remaining in the role until that time. He will stay on as executive chairman of Aon New Zealand, supporting Cantell in her transition.

Cantell is currently chief executive officer of Fidelity Life, having previously been chief operating officer and executive general manager 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.

Anne Corona, chief executive officer, Asia-Pacific for Aon, said: “During his multi-decade tenure, Geoff has built Aon New Zealand to the market leading firm it is today with more than 1,000 colleagues, in more than 70 branches. He is widely respected in the industry and recognised for his strong leadership abilities, client focus and business acumen.

“We are grateful for his many years of service and the legacy he has created for Aon in New Zealand and Fiji and his continued impact in his future role as executive chairman.”

Corona added “I am delighted to welcome Melissa to Aon. She is an accomplished leader in the industry and I am excited to work alongside her to further accelerate our strategy in New Zealand.”

Aon’s APEC will work closely with Blampied to ensure a seamless transition, with no disruption to current client relations, employees, partnerships or general operations in New Zealand and Fiji.

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