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Jann Brown CA Appointed New Chair of CCAB

Jann Brown CA has been appointed the new Chair of the CCAB - the combined group of the main UK accountancy professional bodies.

Jann, the former Managing Director of Cairn Energy, is the current president of ICAS.

She takes over the chair from Anthony Harbinson FCCA of the ACCA.

Jann said, "It is a great privilege for me to take on the Chair of the CCAB. I will energetically take forward the positive agenda that we have to align ourselves behind the challenge of not only communicating the value of the profession but also working to create sustainable economic growth".

"I would like to thank Anthony for his leadership over the past year and I look forward to building on his excellent work.

"There are more than a quarter of a million accountants in the UK and Ireland. We form the key part of the professional and business services sector which contributes £166 billion to the UK economy every year - 15 per cent of UK GDP.

"The profession comes together as CCAB to rebuild trust and to continue to further our agenda of 'Accountants for Growth'. Part of this is helping the wider public and the political world to better understand the value that professional accountants play in local, national and global economies as a force for creating wealth, prosperity and public good.

"CCAB provides a unity of purpose bringing professional accountants together in the public interest."

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Notes for editors

1. The combined membership of the five CCAB bodies - ICAEW, ACCA, ICAS, CIPFA and Chartered Accountants Ireland - amounts to 250,000 professional accountants in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (364,000 worldwide).
2. CCAB provides a forum for the bodies to work together collectively in the public interest on matters affecting the profession and the wider economy.
3. CCAB's credibility stems from its insight into all areas of finance and accounting, from finance director and audit partner to management accountants, professional advisers, public sector finance leaders and entrepreneurs. CCAB's members work through the financial value chain in all sectors as key decision makers and business leaders within the UK and around the world.
4. Jann Brown CA recently stepped down as Managing Director of Cairn Energy PLC and now holds a number of non executive and trustee positions, including chair of the Audit Committees of Wood Group and Troy Income & Growth Trust. She is also on the Board of Trustees of Edinburgh University Investments and involved in Arts and Business. She previously held the position of senior independent non executive director of Hansen Transmissions International, a FTSE 250 engineering company, until its takeover in 2011.

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