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## Suncorp appoints new Chief Risk Officer

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Suncorp Group (ASX: SUN | ADR: SNMCY) today announced the appointment of Ms Bridget Messer as Group Chief Risk Officer (CRO).

Ms Messer will join Suncorp from IG Group, a London-based FTSE 250 company where she was Executive Director and Chief Commercial Officer. She will be relocating from the UK and is expected to commence in early 2022.

Group CEO Steve Johnston said Ms Messer's recent background, as part of a business at the intersection of digital, technology and financial services, would be invaluable to Suncorp.

"Bridget brings expertise across regulatory, compliance, legal and governance in a high-growth business, and we are delighted to welcome her to Suncorp to lead our Risk function. She also has deep commercial experience and a global perspective, having led teams across multiple geographies," Mr Johnston said.

"Our Risk function is a key enabler of Suncorp's FY23 strategy, ensuring the Group's systems, processes and services are well positioned to support our growth ambitions.

"Ensuring we have strong risk oversight, culture and strategy remains critical as we navigate today's regulatory environment and as Suncorp focuses on digital and technology-led growth."

Ms Messer will be a member of Suncorp's Executive Leadership Team and will be based in Brisbane.

Ms Messer said she was looking forward to joining Suncorp at this point in its evolution.

"As a Queenslander, the iconic Suncorp brand is very familiar to me and I am looking forward to returning home to work with teams across the business to continue to embed a strong rigour and focus on managing risk," she said.

Longstanding Suncorp executive Stuart Cameron will remain Acting CRO until Ms Messer's arrival.

The appointment is subject to all necessary regulatory approvals being achieved.

Ms Messer's career summary is attached.

Authorised for lodgement with the ASX by the Suncorp Disclosure Committee

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## **Ms Bridget Messer**

Bridget Messer has extensive expertise in management, law, regulatory and compliance, having spent the past 16 years with IG Group Holdings, a London-based FTSE 250 online, high-growth trading platform. She has strong international experience and listed board experience, as an executive director, and previously company secretary, with IG Group.

Ms Messer was most recently Executive Director and Chief Commercial Officer with IG Group, after previously holding roles as Global Head of Compliance and General Counsel. Ms Messer was responsible for driving and enabling growth and international expansion in a heavily regulated context, while leading a large and culturally diverse team.

Prior to IG Group, Ms Messer was a solicitor with Deutsche Bank on the distressed debt desk, after starting her career in Australia as a solicitor with the financial services and corporate advisory team of Corrs Chambers Westgarth Lawyers. She holds a Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours) and a Bachelor of Business (Dean's Honour List) from the Queensland University of Technology. Ms Messer also has a Grad Diploma, Practical Legal Education & Training, University of Queensland, Australia.