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RSM International appoints new Chairman to drive global growth

RSM International, a top ten global accounting, tax and consulting network, has announced the appointment of Brian Eaton as the new Chairman of the International Board of Directors. Eaton has been appointed to lead the Board in providing strategic guidance on the overall governance of the network, the provision of services by its member firms, and to continue the network's consistent growth in international markets.

Commenting on his new appointment, Eaton said: "I am very excited about taking on this new role. RSM International has a strong quality ethos that is evident throughout the network, from the Board of Directors, the regional and technical committees, right down to the staff within the network's member firms throughout the world. With my passion for this profession and dedication to providing clients with exceptional service, I hope to sustain RSM's continual commitment to the highest standards of performance."

Eaton joined RSM Betty & Dickson, RSM International's South African member firm, in 1973 and has been the Managing Partner of the Johannesburg office since 1995. Eaton is a member of several regulatory authorities and institutes in South Africa, including the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA), The Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors (IRBA), the Institute of the Association of Authorised Public Accountants and the Institute of Directors and has served on a number of professional committees. He is a member of RSM International's Board of Directors, has served on the RSM International Policy Committee and is the Regional Director for Africa.

As well as his leadership role at RSM Betty & Dickson, Eaton also continues to have a hands-on role advising clients consulting on audit, tax, merger acquisitions and corporate restructuring.

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Commenting on Eaton's appointment, Jean Stephens, CEO RSM International said, "Brian has been a member of our Board for a number of years. His commitment to the development of the accountancy profession together with his long history with RSM will serve our members and our clients. Brian's leadership skills, unlimited enthusiasm and drive will certainly contribute to the success of our member and correspondent firms going forward."

Eaton's appointment coincides with RSM Betty & Dickson's 70th birthday this month, a firm which has over the years served a diverse range of clients ranging from large international corporations to SMEs. RSM International's presence in South Africa covers Cape Town, Durban, Johannesburg and Tshwane.

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About RSM International

RSM International is a worldwide network of independent accounting and consulting firms. RSM International and its member firms are separate and independent legal entities. RSM International does not itself provide accounting or consultancy services. All such services are provided by affiliate members practising on their own account.

RSM is represented by affiliate independent members in 72 countries and brings together the talents of over 30,000 individuals in over 730 offices worldwide. The network's total fee income of US\$3.62bn places it amongst the top seven international accounting organisations worldwide. Affiliate member firms are driven by a common vision of providing high quality professional services, both in their domestic markets and in serving the international professional service needs of their client base.

RSM International is a member of the Forum of Firms. The objective of the Forum of Firms is to promote consistent and high quality standards of financial and auditing practices worldwide.

About RSM Betty & Dickson

RSM Betty & Dickson is part of a global organisation of independent professional service firms, united by a common desire to provide the highest quality of services to our clients

RSM Betty & Dickson is an independent member of RSM International, an affiliation of independent accounting and consulting firms. The South African member firms of RSM International practise entirely independently of each other in Cape Town, Durban, Johannesburg and Tshwane.

Member firms of RSM International are driven by a common vision of providing high quality professional services, both in their domestic markets and in serving the international professional service needs of their client base. Member firms are recruited based on their commitment to apply high skills and world-class standards and to share a common work ethic of innovative thinking to develop and deliver high quality and timely results for their clients.

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