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Key appointments strengthen FlexiGroup New Zealand Executive Leadership Team

FlexiGroup New Zealand has bolstered its executive team with Nicole Francis appointed as Chief People and Culture Officer and Laura Valiant joining as General Counsel and Company Secretary.

FlexiGroup New Zealand CEO, Chris Lamers, says the appointments are key to the leading financial services provider maintaining its strong and sustainable growth.

“FlexiGroup New Zealand is growing its brand as an employer of choice and Nicole is well positioned to build upon this as we continue to attract and retain great talent throughout our network of offices in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch.

“We’re thrilled to have a General Counsel of Laura’s calibre join FlexiGroup. Her business acumen and depth of knowledge of the financial services sector in New Zealand puts us in good stead as we deliver financial solutions to thousands of people and New Zealand companies every day,” says Lamers.

Chief People and Culture Officer

Nicole Francis has been appointed into the role of Chief People and Culture Officer following 12 months with FlexiGroup New Zealand as the Head of People and Capability during which time she oversaw the successful co-location of 300 employees into FlexiGroup New Zealand’s new head office in Newmarket.

She has more than 17 years of human resources experience in New Zealand, Australia and the UK, with a proven track record of success in manufacturing, FMCG, health and investment banking sectors. Before joining FlexiGroup in 2017, she held a range of senior leadership human resources roles at Affin Group, healthAlliance and Waitamata District Health Board.

Nicole Francis steps into the Chief People and Culture Officer role effective immediately.

General Counsel

Laura Valiant has been appointed as the General Counsel and Company Secretary for FlexiGroup New Zealand.

She brings more than 18 years of legal and financial services industry and executive experience to the role, having provided key commercial, transactional and strategic legal advice for large global companies and financial institutions in both the UK and New Zealand.

Most recently, she held the role of Deputy General Counsel, Head of Legal (NZ) and Company Secretary for Latitude Financial Services (formerly the consumer finance business of GE Capital), sitting on the New Zealand leadership team.

Laura Valiant joins FlexiGroup New Zealand as of 23 July.

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With a diversified product offering including interest-free credit, credit cards, long-term finance, leasing, and vendor finance programs – FlexiGroup holds a 13,000 strong network of merchants, vendors and retail partners throughout New Zealand.

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