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## **Restore appoint Sharon Baylay as Chair**

With a career in the tech sector that spans three decades, backed by extensive commercial and marketing expertise – most notably Board positions at Microsoft and the BBC – Sharon Baylay’s executive career has been dominated by roles that have helped transform consumer behaviour through the utilisation and implementation of technology.

Sharon received the Microsoft Chairman’s Award for sustainable innovation from Bill Gates in 2004 and when she moved onto work for the BBC went straight onto the Executive Board as Director of Marketing, Communications and Audiences.

Sharon has been involved in the Restore Board since 2014 and has overseen a period of rapid growth. Her appointment as Chair from 1 October 2021, reflects her strategic significance at Restore and her passion to create a growing, yet responsible business.

“I am delighted to be appointed Chair of the Board at an exciting moment for the Group”, says Sharon Baylay, Chair Designate. “I want to thank Martin for his outstanding leadership and on behalf of the Board and Shareholders, I would like to recognise his significant contribution to the transformation of the business and in establishing the strong platform the Group has today. The growth strategy of Restore is clear and I look forward to working closely with Charles and the whole team to continue to grow the business.”

Martin Towers joined the Board in September 2017 and assumed the role of Chair on 1 January 2018. During his tenure, Martin has successfully managed the transition to a new executive team and overseen the evolution of the Group’s high growth strategy. After successfully navigating the pandemic over the last 18 months, the Group has emerged a larger, stronger, and growing business with significant prospects. Martin feels now is a good moment to handover the Chair and to devote more time to develop his private portfolio and his personal interests. Martin will retire as Chair on 1 October 2021 and formally step down from the Board on 31 October 2021.

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## Note to editors – recent key hires on the Restore Board

- Jamie Hopkins, Senior Independent Director January 2020
- Neil Ritchie, CFO October 2019
- Charles Bligh, CEO April 2019
- Susan Davy, Non-Executive Director January 2019

## About Restore plc

Restore is formed of five business units, who together offer organisations a holistic approach to the management of their data, information, and assets. With over 55,000 active customers, 87 sites across the UK and 2,643 colleagues, Restore are either number one or number two across all five markets.

The company is fast growing, and help shape the conversation on information, data, and assets through #RestoreAnswers. Our team understand wider business trends due to the long-term relationships built across its large customer base. And the Executive Committee are often approached to provide comment on the latest UK business trends, particularly around data and assets.

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