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Mats Andersson new board member in Global Challenges Foundation

Global Challenges Foundation, founded by financier Laszlo Szombatfalvy, has appointed Mats Andersson, CEO of the Fourth Swedish National Pension Fund (AP4), as its board member. He replaces Sven-Ivan Sundqvist, who had been a board member since the foundation was founded in 2012 and is now leaving the Board at his own request.

Born in 1954, Mats Andersson has worked in several senior positions in the Swedish capital market. In particular, he was the former head of Swedish operations at the investment banks Warburg and Deutsche Bank as well as investment manager at Skandia Liv.

He has, as President of AP4, actively engaged in environmental issues. Under his leadership, AP4 decided to include reducing exposure to companies with large carbon footprints in its investment portfolio. Further he has, along with other global institutional investors, worked with the UN on global environmental issues.

– It is a great honor for me to take a seat on the Board at Global Challenges Foundation. I have known Laszlo Szombatfalvy for more than 30 years and I admire and respect him both as a financier and for his deep commitment to working with global risks and challenges, says Mats Andersson in a statement.

In addition to Laszlo Szombatfalvy, Global Challenges Foundations Board is made up of Johan Rockström, Björn Franzon and Christer Jacobson.

Global Challenges Foundation works to raise the awareness of global catastrophic risks and accelerate the establishment of global governance that can handle them. The Foundation’s latest annual report, Twelve risks that threaten human civilisation, developed in conjunction with Future of Humanity Institute at Oxford University, raised great interest among the international media.

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