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The RegTech Association new board appointments highlights RegTech growth

The RegTech Association (RTA) announced today the appointment of three new board directors: Alex Ford – VP Product & Marketing, Encompass Corporation, Jo Mikleus – Chief Risk Officer, Latitude Financial Services, and Leica Ison – CEO & Founder, Skyjed.

Effective from 1 January 2021, these new appointments add strength and experience to the current Board and will provide industry support as the Association continues to grow substantially since being established in 2017.

Julian Fenwick, founding Chair of the RegTech Association, said “At a time of explosive growth in the RegTech industry, it’s important for our Association to keep pace. Our new directors were appointed based on the match with our core focus, balance of representation of RegTechs and regulated entities, as well adding considerable strength to the team to help us deliver on our strategic objectives through to 2022. We welcome their diverse experience, expertise and support our ‘for industry by industry’ approach.”

In what will be a first, and in line with a new Constitution, member board elections will be held in November 2021 thus allowing members to elect directors to ensure a dynamic balance of skills and experience is achieved in line with industry demands. With the strength of the leadership from founding CEO Deborah Young and her team this board refresh will allow the future-proofing of the organisation in its mission to accelerate adoption and build on the strong foundations and clear focus.

Deborah Young, RTA’s founding CEO said, “I’m delighted to have these new directors on board to guide and support our initiatives, in particular their strength in innovative technology development, data analytics, risk and marketing. In what I predict will be a watershed year for the RTA, we will have a firm focus on global growth for our members where this will provide an injection of new ideas, in particular in areas outside of financial services.

Evidence gathered with our RTA/BCG report published in October 2020 highlighted Australia’s strength in RegTech product development but that investment has not matched this growth. Stimulating and educating government and investors on the benefits of RegTech to all regulated industries remains a focus as does the development of a new taxonomy and RegTech language that we’ll be hearing more about as the year progresses.”

Alex Ford – VP Product and Marketing, Encompass Corporation

Alex heads up Product and Marketing for one of Australia’s most successful RegTech firms. She will bring her experience in establishing, growing and expanding a RegTech company across borders and promoting the adoption of RegTech. She is recognised as a RegTech leader and commentator in Australia and the UK and will bring this experience to help guide the RTA in its global value proposition.

Jo Mikleus – Chief Risk Officer, Latitude Financial Services

Jo Mikleus is a Chief Risk Officer for a leading financial services firm and has an impeccable pedigree in financial services. Jo brings a unique perspective to the board as a CRO, a former senior executive for a big 4 bank and as a former CEO of a data management firm. In addition, she is the cofounder of a machine learning business. She is passionate about global innovation and change. She is particularly interested in the nurturing of RegTech founders and influencing Government policy and would like to see these areas developed by the RTA with impact.

Leica Ison – CEO & Founder, Skyjed

Leica Ison is a RegTech founder who brings her deep experience in telecommunications, health and financial services to the RegTech board table. Leica is the founder of a fast growing, sector agnostic RegTech firm that manages product life cycle, risk and compliance. Leica is passionate about Australian technology and building the jobs for the future that will be an asset to the RTA as we expand our policy and advocacy remit.

About the RegTech Association:

[The RegTech Association \(RTA\)](#) was founded in 2017 as a non-profit organisation focused on supporting the growth of the RegTech sector and accelerating adoption. The RTA has a clear vision to be a global centre of excellence; by facilitating higher performing, ethical and compliant businesses through RegTech innovation and investment. The RTA members number 150+ and comprise RegTechs, Corporates and Regulated Entities and run regular programs with regulators.

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