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## **HSBC HOLDINGS PLC**

### **CHANGE OF GROUP COMPANY SECRETARY**

HSBC Holdings plc (the 'Company') has today announced the appointment of Richard Gray as Group Company Secretary from 19 April 2019 on an interim basis, replacing Ben Mathews who has resigned with effect from 18 April 2019.

Richard joined HSBC in 2008 and is currently the General Counsel for Businesses and Regions of HSBC. He is a qualified solicitor both in the UK and Hong Kong.

HSBC's Group Chairman, Mark Tucker, said:

"I am delighted that Richard has agreed to accept the role of interim Group Company Secretary whilst we finalise arrangements for a permanent appointment. I am confident that his experience, enthusiasm and deep knowledge of the Group will be invaluable as we continue to work to simplify, clarify and strengthen the Group's governance and until a permanent appointment is made.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank Ben Mathews for his valuable contribution since his appointment as Group Company Secretary in 2013."

An announcement will be made regarding the permanent successor in due course.

For and on behalf of  
**HSBC Holdings plc**

**Mark E Tucker**  
**Group Chairman**

The Board of Directors of HSBC Holdings plc as at the date of this announcement comprises: Mark Tucker\*, John Flint, Kathleen Casey†, Laura Cha†, Henri de Castries†, Irene Lee†, José Meade†, Heidi Miller†, Marc Moses, David Nish†, Ewen Stevenson, Jonathan Symonds†, Jackson Tai† and Pauline van der Meer Mohr†.

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**Notes to editors:**

HSBC Holdings plc, the parent company of the HSBC Group, is headquartered in London. The Group serves customers worldwide across 66 countries and territories in Europe, Asia, North and Latin America, and the Middle East and North Africa. With assets of US\$2,558bn at 31 December 2018, HSBC is one of the world's largest banking and financial services organisations.