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## FCG strengthens ESG offer with leading ESG expert Matthew Smith

We are delighted to announce that Matthew Smith, leading ESG expert within Financial Services in the Nordics, joins FCG as Director and Head of Sustainable Finance in FCG Norway.

Matthew's core competency is in sustainable finance and regulation, and he is an expert on the EU's Green Deal and Sustainable Finance Action Plan. He has worked with sustainability in the financial sector for almost 15 years, specifically with sustainable investments, green bonds and loans, climate risk management and sustainability strategy. He is frequently invited as an expert in webinars and podcasts and has written several articles on sustainable finance.

Matthew has 12 years' experience in sustainable investments from the Storebrand Group, a large institutional pensions and asset management company with a Nordic presence and a strong focus on sustainability. Currently, Matthew holds the position as Director, Sustainable Finance at KPMG, where he has worked extensively with sustainability strategies and risk management in the banking sector, insurance companies and asset managers.

At FCG, Matthew will assume the role as Head of Sustainable Finance in FCG Norway, working in close collaboration with all the teams in FCG to further strengthen FCG's ESG offer.

*"I am delighted to welcome Matthew to FCG. With the increased pressure and regulations in ESG the need for the financial market to integrate ESG considerations in daily operations, identifying and managing ESG-risks has become a top priority for the financial services industry. Matthew's knowledge and extensive hands-on experience from ESG and the financial sector will serve our customers well to navigate the challenges in the ESG area, not only in Norway but in all countries where we have offices."* **says Christine Ehnström, Head of Advisory.**

*"FCG has a leading position in the Nordic market for Governance, Risk and Compliance, and a team of extremely competent advisors who are experts on the financial sector. This was central to my decision to join FCG, as I believe companies will require advisors with detailed knowledge of finance in order to integrate sustainability regulations over the coming years. I look forward to being a part of this team and to establishing FCG as the market leader for Sustainable Finance in Norway as well as in its other markets going forward"* **says Matthew Smith.**

Matthew will join FCG on May 2, 2022.

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