

WOMEN IN FINANCE CHARTER

# Belonging, inclusion and diversity

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Inclusion  
Diversity**

# Foreword

At Investec, we are committed to attracting, developing and retaining a diverse team of people. A diverse workforce is essential to our ability to be an innovative organisation that is able to adapt and prosper in a fast changing world. We recognise the benefits of a diverse workforce being able to contribute alternative perspectives and challenge the status quo, which is integral to the Investec culture.

We seek to be a positive influence in all our core businesses and in each of the societies in which we operate. Embedded in our corporate responsibility philosophy is that we are an organisation that lives in society, not off it. We do this by empowering communities through entrepreneurship and education, and leveraging the value of our diversity. We believe that this will ensure the best outcome for all stakeholders. We want to be a company that does the right thing by its people and in the places where we operate.

We recognise that we need to improve the gender balance across our organisation. We are dedicated to improving this in line with our commitment to promoting belonging, inclusion and diversity. We know that while we have worked to address greater representation of women, we have more to do. To enable and support our commitment to this we signed up to HM Treasury's Women in Finance Charter (the "Charter") in September 2018.

The Charter is a commitment by HM Treasury and signatory firms to work together to build a more balanced and fair industry. In signing up to the Charter, we pledge to promote gender diversity by:

- having a senior executive team member responsible and accountable for gender diversity and inclusion;
- setting internal targets for gender diversity at senior management levels;
- publishing progress annually against these targets;
- linking the pay of senior executives to delivery against these gender diversity targets.



# Our commitments

Investec Bank plc (IBP) has signed up to the Charter. The commitments and targets in respect of the Charter are outlined below.

## **Responsible senior executive team member:**

Ruth Leas (the CEO of IBP) is the senior executive responsible and accountable for gender diversity and inclusion.

## **Internal targets for senior management gender diversity:**

Our target is 35% representation of women in senior leadership roles by 2027 for IBP.

## **Publishing progress annually:**

We will publish our progress against these targets annually in reports on our website.

## **Linking pay of senior executives to delivery of targets:**

We link the remuneration for the IBP Executive Committee to the delivery against our gender diversity targets.

# Our progress

Investec signed up to the Women in Finance Charter on 24 September 2018.

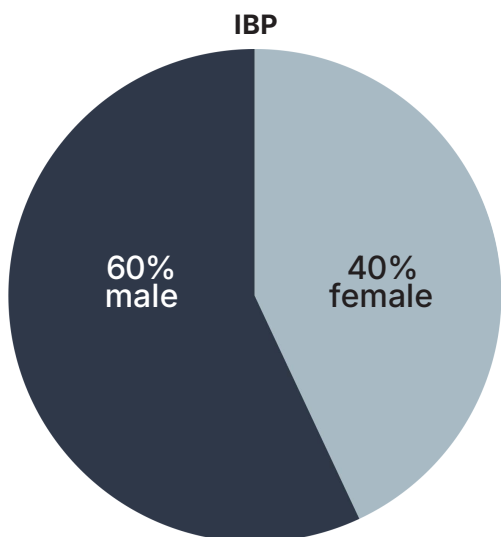
## Bank

When we signed up to the Charter in 2018, we had 19% female representation as of 31 March 2018. Last year we set a new target of 35% by 2027, 5% higher than our previous target.

As of March 2024 we have 40% female representation in senior management, and we remain committed to increasing female representation throughout the organisation.

## Female representation in senior leadership

As at 31 March 2024



# In conclusion

We are clear on our philosophy and culture and are working towards a more balanced organisation. We are committed to belonging, inclusion and diversity and acknowledge that addressing this requires a broad and sustained effort. In addition to our commitment to the Women in Finance Charter, we have five key priorities to enhance belonging, inclusion and diversity at Investec. Further detail on these can be found on the Investec website.

