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Dear Sir/Madam

## QBE Insurance Group announces new Chairman

Please find attached an announcement for release to the market.

This release has been authorised by the QBE Board of Directors.

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Carolyn Scobie
Company Secretary

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# **MARKET RELEASE**

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### QBE Insurance Group announces new Chairman

QBE Insurance Group today announced that Mike Wilkins AO has been elected to succeed W Marston (Marty) Becker as Chairman of the Group Board. Mr Wilkins will commence in the role of Group Chairman on 1 March 2020. As Marty Becker is not standing for re-election at the Annual General Meeting he will retire from the Board on 30 April 2020.

Mr Wilkins joined the QBE Group Board as a non-executive director in November 2016, after a long and esteemed career in the insurance industry. He is currently Deputy Chairman of the People and Remuneration committee and a member of the Audit and Operations and Technology committees.

He was previously the Managing Director and CEO of Insurance Australia Group (IAG) and held the roles of Managing Director and CEO of Promina Group and Managing Director of Tyndall Australia Limited. He is currently a non-executive director of Medibank Private and has previously served as a director of AMP Limited, Alinta Limited, Maple-Brown Abbott Limited and The Geneva Association.

Mr Wilkins said, "It is an enormous privilege to be elected to the role of Group Chairman of QBE and I thank the Board for their confidence and support.

"I would like to pay particular tribute to Marty Becker and acknowledge his enormous contribution to QBE over the past seven years. The Board has benefitted greatly from his experience and wisdom and I am personally grateful for his friendship and support over our time working together."

Mr Becker joined the QBE Insurance Group Board in August 2013, after a long and successful career in the general insurance industry in the USA, Bermuda and the UK. He was elected Group Chairman in 2014.

Mr Becker said, "It has been a great honour to serve as a Director and as Group Chairman of QBE over the past seven years, as we have steered QBE to become a simpler, more globally-connected and stronger organisation.

"I believe the time is now right for me to step down and for a new Chairman to bring fresh ideas and perspectives to QBE. I am delighted the Board has chosen Mike Wilkins to succeed me. He is an exceptionally well credentialed Director and I wish him and the Board every success in the future."

Group CEO Pat Regan said; "I want to thank Marty for his stewardship of QBE. His industry knowledge, experience and counsel has been invaluable to me, and indeed the rest of the Board. I would like to thank Marty for his service to QBE as Chairman and wish him well in his future endeavours.

"Our incoming Chairman, Mike Wilkins, is very well known and should make for a seamless transition. I look forward to working very closely with Mike going forwards."

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