

STOCK EXCHANGE ANNOUNCEMENT

For Immediate Release

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POWERSHARES GLOBAL FUNDS IRELAND PLC

Re: Appointment of Director

The Directors of Powershares Global Funds Ireland plc (the "Fund") wish to announce the appointment of Douglas Sharp as a Director of the Fund, with effect from 16 May 2013.

Douglas Sharp

Doug Sharp has been the Head of Cross Border Retail and EMEA Strategy for Invesco since March of 2013. In this role, he is responsible for the strategy and management of the cross border retail business, including sales, marketing and product development activities, across Continental Europe and the Middle East. Mr. Sharp is also responsible for the Exchange Traded Fund business in EMEA, including distribution, product, and capital markets activities. Mr. Sharp is a member of the EMEA Executive Committee and chairs the Cross-Border Distribution Management group. Mr. Sharp also works with the senior team in EMEA to lead business strategy and planning efforts, as well as key strategic initiatives.

Prior to this role, he served as the head of Strategy and Business Planning for Invesco from January 2010 until August of 2012. In this role he was responsible for the global strategic planning process, including the identification, prioritization and, in some cases, execution of strategic initiatives for Invesco. He was also involved in various acquisition related activities during his tenure in the role.

Mr. Sharp served as the chief administrative officer of Invesco Institutional from January 2008 until January 2010, working closely with senior leadership to improve the effectiveness of both investment and sales capabilities targeted to institutional clients, both in the United States and globally.

Mr. Sharp joined Invesco from the strategy consulting firm McKinsey & Co. where he served clients in the financial services, energy and logistics sectors from August of 2005 until January of 2008.

Mr. Sharp earned an MBA from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College, a master's degree in accounting from Georgia State University, and a BA in economics from McGill University. He is a licensed CPA in the state of Georgia.

Mr. Sharp has never:

- (i) had any unspent convictions in relation to indictable offences; or
- (ii) been bankrupt or the subject of a voluntary arrangement, or has had a receiver appointed to any of his assets; or
- (iii) been a director of any company which, while he was a director with an executive function or within 12 months after he ceased to be a director with an executive function, had a receiver appointed or went into compulsory liquidation, creditors voluntary liquidation, administration or company voluntary arrangements, or made any composition or arrangements with its creditors generally or with any class of its creditors; or
- (iv) been a partner of any partnership, which while he was a partner or within 12 months after he ceased to be a partner, went into compulsory liquidation, administration or partnership voluntary arrangement, or had a receiver appointed to any partnership asset;

- (v) had any public criticism by statutory or regulatory authorities (including recognised professional bodies); or
- (vi) been disqualified by a court from acting as a director or from acting in the management or conduct of affairs of any company.

A list of past and current directorships and partnerships held by Douglas Sharp over the past 5 years is available for inspection on request for a period of 14 days from the date of this announcement from J & E Davy, Davy House, 49 Dawson Street, Dublin 2.

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