

Diageo names new Global Head of Investor Relations



Durga Doraisamy (left) and Sonya Ghobrial (right)

Diageo has announced that Sonya Ghobrial is to be appointed as Global Head of Investor Relations.

The current Global Head of Investor Relations, Durga Doraisamy, will leave the company later this year to pursue her next career opportunity. Ghobrial will take up the role when Doraisamy steps down in October, the press release said.

Doraisamy joined Diageo from Starbucks in July 2021 and has transformed and strengthened the IR function during her time with the company. She has established an IR team in the U.S., Diageo's largest market, as well as a significant pool of potential investors.

During Doraisamy's time at Diageo, the company's shareholder register has become more diverse, seeing an increase in U.S.-based holdings and additional long-term global investment firms establishing or significantly increasing their positions in Diageo's stock.

Ghobrial is currently Head of Investor Relations at Haleon, the global consumer health business, which demerged from GSK in 2022 and subsequently listed on the London Stock Exchange.

Ghobrial joined GSK in 2020 to prepare for the listing and build the IR function, having previously run her own IR consultancy for three years. Before this, she led IR at Heineken for more than three years.

She is also a Non-Executive Director and Member of the Remuneration and Audit and Risk Committees at LSL Property Services plc.