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Regnan today announced changes to its ownership arrangements, in a move designed to extend its leadership and influence over its next phase of development. The ownership restructure reflects changing investor needs as ESG moves toward mainstream practice.

Most of its shareholders will convert to be long-term clients of Regnan's ESG engagement and advocacy service, with some also electing to utilise the company's growing advisory practice, in which Regnan provides services such as support on ESG integration assessment, policy support and targeted member communications.

Chairman Ken Boundy recognised the important role played by all of Regnan's stakeholders to date, "Regnan's establishment, which catalysed a market for professional ESG engagement and research in Australia, was a visionary initiative. We thank all our shareholders and clients for their vision and support, which has enabled Regnan to achieve broader recognition across the industry, as ESG has become increasingly mainstream".

"Now the company has a momentum of its own and a highly regarded team in both domestic and international markets, Regnan's board and owners recognise the benefits of moving to a nimbler decision-making structure," he said.

Regnan MD Amanda Wilson also welcomed the change. "In 2015, visibility of investor interest in ESG is no longer an issue. Forward-thinking investors are now focused on ensuring genuine integration of ESG in their investment processes. In this environment it's more important that Regnan be agile enough to provide enhanced services to new generation clients seeking deep integration of ESG and proper consideration of systemic risk," she said.

Regnan will offer enhanced integration services alongside its existing research, engagement, and advocacy services to external institutional investors.

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