

CMA appoints new Executive Director

Press release

The CMA has appointed David Stewart to the role of Executive Director, Mergers and Markets.



Currently a partner at Towerhouse LLP, David will take up his post in January 2022. He replaces Andrea Gomes da Silva who left in May. He will join the CMA Senior Executive Team and the CMA Board.

Welcoming his appointment Jonathan Scott, Chair of the CMA said:

I'm delighted to have appointed someone of David's capability and experience. David will be inheriting a talented team and will play a key role in helping promote competition and protecting consumers over the coming years.

CEO Andrea Coscelli said:

David is a key addition to our Senior Executive Team and I am confident he will make a major contribution to our work in the future.

David Stewart said:

This is a critical moment, as merger control and the UK's innovative markets regime are adapting to a digital era. The CMA is one of the world's leading competition authorities, reflecting the commitment and quality of its people. I'm delighted to be joining them, to help make markets work better for everyone who lives and works in the UK.

David Stewart joined Towerhouse, a boutique competition and regulatory law

firm, as a partner in July 2013.

Previously, David held a sequence of leadership roles at Ofcom in relation to enforcement and competition policy. He also worked briefly on secondment as Competition Policy and Markets Director at Monitor, the sector regulator of UK NHS-funded health care services.

Prior to joining Ofcom, David was Director of Public Policy and Regulatory Affairs at Energis and Director of Legal and Regulatory Affairs for the international division of Cable & Wireless. He was previously a lawyer in private practice with Gilbert & Tobin and Minter Ellison in Australia.

Notes to editors

1. This appointment was managed by a Civil Service Commissioner to ensure a fair, merit-based, and open process, in keeping with the Civil Service Recruitment Principles.
2. The role was advertised publicly with applicants being asked to submit an application form and cover letter detailing their suitability for the role, as measured against a set of required skills and experience.
3. For media queries, please contact the press office via press@cma.gov.uk or on 020 3738 6460.

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