

## Reuters Announces Board Changes

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**London** - Reuters, the global information, news and technology group, today announced that Niall FitzGerald (57), Joint Chairman and CEO of Unilever, will join the Reuters Board as a non-executive director on 1 January 2003.

Reuters also announced the resignation, effective today, of Dennis Malamatinas as a non-executive director. He is leaving the Board to help develop Marfin Bank, a private bank in Greece where he will be Co-CEO and a member of the Board.

Sir Christopher Hogg, Reuters Chairman, said: "I am delighted that Niall will be joining the Board which will benefit greatly from his skill and experience in global business. The Board warmly acknowledges the valuable contribution Dennis has made since he joined the Board in January 2000, particularly his wise advice on marketing issues. We are sorry to lose him but we wish him well in his new venture."

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### Note to editors:

Niall W A FitzGerald, KBE

There is nothing that is required to be disclosed pursuant to section 6F (2) b-g of the Listing Rules of the UK Listing Authority.

List of present and past directorships:

Present      Past

Unilever PLC	Prudential Corporation PLC
Unilever NV	Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson
Merck & Co., Inc	Bank of Ireland Group

### Biography

Niall FitzGerald has been Joint Chairman and CEO of Unilever since 1 September 1996.

Born on 13 September 1945, Niall FitzGerald studied at University College, Dublin, where he graduated with a degree in commerce. Thirty years with Unilever have been spent in a variety of jobs and in several countries. His early career was on the Commercial and Financial side of the business. In the early 1980s he became CEO of Unilever's foods business in South Africa and thereafter returned to London as Unilever Treasurer.

Niall FitzGerald joined the Boards of Unilever PLC and Unilever NV in 1987 and has served respectively as Financial Director, Foods Director and Detergents Director until his appointment as Vice Chairman and subsequently Chairman and CEO in 1996. During his Unilever career he has worked and lived in Ireland, the Netherlands, South Africa, USA and the UK.

Outside Unilever, he is a non-executive director of Merck. His other activities include President of the Advertising Association, Vice Chairman of the Conference Board, Trustee of The Leverhulme Trust, a Governor of the National Institute of Economic and Social Research, a Council Member of Co-operation Ireland and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts. He also serves as a member of the Trilateral Commission, the US Business Council, the EU-China Committee and the Council of the World Economic Forum. He is a member of various advisory bodies, including the President of South Africa's International Investment Advisory Council and the Shanghai Major's International Business Leaders' Council.

His former appointments include: non-executive directorships of Ericsson, Bank of Ireland and the Prudential Corporation, council member of the Association of Corporate Treasurers, member of the Accounting Standards Review Committee, member of the Finance and Industry Committee of the NEDC, and member of the International Policy Council for Agriculture and Trade.

Niall FitzGerald has four children: Tara – a journalist; Colin – events marketing; Aaron – a student; and the most recent arrival, Gabriella (born in April 2001). His active interests include jazz and opera, collecting antique furniture, paintings and Irish stamps. He is a sports enthusiast with a particular passion for Manchester United and Irish rugby. He plays golf poorly and runs slowly.

Niall FitzGerald, an Irish citizen, was awarded an honorary knighthood (KBE) in the 2002 New Year's Honours.

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