

Morrison named CEO of Jamaica Stock Exchange

LIVINGSTONE MORRISON has been appointed chief executive officer of the Jamaica Stock Exchange, effective September 8.

Morrison succeeds Dr Marlene Street Forrest, who retired after more than two decades at the JSE.

'Mr Morrison brings to the role a distinguished record of executive leadership and regulatory expertise within the Caribbean's financial sector. He most recently served as advisor to the Governor of the Central Bank of Belize and previously held the position of deputy governor at the Bank of Jamaica for over a decade. A chartered accountant, he is also a former deputy chairman and director of the JSE and served as chairman of its Regulatory & Market Oversight Committee. In 2020, Mr Morrison was conferred with the Order of Distinction (Officer Class) by the Government of Jamaica in recognition of his outstanding contribution to national development and the financial services sector,' the JSE stated.

JSE chairman Steven Whittingham said the exchange was pleased to welcome Morrison as its new CEO.

'His strategic insight, regulatory depth, and unwavering commitment to Jamaica's economic progress make him ideally positioned to lead the Exchange into its next chapter of innovation and inclusive growth, building on the extraordinary foundation established by Dr Street Forrest,' Whittingham said.

The JSE board acknowledged Forrest's 'trailblazing leadership.'

'We extend our deepest gratitude to Dr Street Forrest for her extraordinary leadership and lasting contributions to the Jamaica Stock Exchange. As we turn the page to a new chapter, we look forward to continued progress and strengthened impact under Mr Morrison's stewardship,' Whittingham said.

Forrest joined the JSE in 2000 and was appointed managing director in 2017, after 13 years as general manager.

Under her stewardship, the JSE was recognised by Bloomberg in 2015 and 2018 as the world's best performing stock exchange.

'It has been an honour to serve this institution in advancing Jamaica's capital market. As I conclude my tenure, I do so with the assurance that the Exchange will continue to expand its horizons as there is a team that is capable and fully committed to its growth and development,' Forrest said.