

Copia Capital Management expands team and appoints Managing Director

7th July 2020 – Following a successful two years which saw assets increase by 400%, Copia Capital Management is to announce the appointment of Robert Vaudry in the new position of Managing Director, reporting into Novia CEO Bill Vasilieff. At the same time Copia is also pleased to announce the promotion of Hoshang Daroga to Senior Portfolio Manager and the appointment of Tony Hicks as Copia Investment Specialist

Robert Vaudry was previously Chief Investment Officer at Wesleyan Assurance Society and Chief Executive Officer of Wesleyan Unit Trust Managers. In 2018, Wesleyan was awarded “Investment Strategy of the Year” at the Insurance Asset Management Awards. In 2019 Robert was named “Chief Investment Officer of the Year” at the Insurance Asset Risk Awards.

With over 30 years’ experience in Financial Services, Robert Vaudry began his career as a political and economic analyst for the former Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Sir Edward Heath KG MBE, before working for Morgan Stanley as Deputy Head of European Equity Research and Head of Asian Research. Robert then joined HSBC as Global Head of Research prior to switching to the buy-side at Alpha Quant Partners and the multi-award winning Quotidian Investments, where he was Senior Partner.

Bill Vasilieff, CEO at Copia Capital Management commented on the appointment: “Robert has had a very impressive career and is exceptionally highly regarded in the investment industry. We are absolutely delighted to have him on board as we continue the expansion of the business, these appointments reflect the growing scale and success of Copia as we gear up to grow even faster. We owe an enormous debt of gratitude to Henry Cobbe whom I would like to personally thank for seeing us through the previous phase of development. Henry and Elston Consulting have been instrumental in driving the business forward with the successful design and launch of our market leading Custom, Select, and Retirement Income portfolios.

Vasilieff concluded: “These new appointments and the expansion of the sales and management teams will position Copia well for our next phase. They will also ensure the business remains at the forefront of innovative product development when it comes to tackling the investment and retirement challenges affecting advisers.

Robert Vaudry said: “I am delighted to be joining the team at Copia, whose pioneering investment solutions are making such a big difference for clients and I would like to extend my congratulations to both Hoshang and Tony on their new roles. The opportunity to lead Copia through the next phase of its development is a really exciting prospect - the ability to grow the ESG, customised portfolio offerings and the retirement income portfolios will be a particular focus”.

Hoshang Daroga has been with the business for over four years and oversees all portfolio management activities. He holds an MBA, a Masters' in Financial Engineering and the CFA Charter and will be taking up his new role from the 1st July. Tony Hicks joins the business from The Beaufort Group where he was group Head of Sales.

The Copia award winning portfolios are available on the following platforms: Novia, Aegon, Aviva, Hubwise, Transact, Standard Life and Fidelity.

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NOTES FOR EDITORS

- ◆ Copia is the investment solutions division of Novia Financial plc, a UK platform provider with approximately £7.5bn assets under administration.
- ◆ Novia was launched in 2008 and Copia was launched in 2013.

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