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I'm delighted to be able to share with you the news that the IBANZ board has appointed Katherine Wilson as our next Chief Executive.

Katherine is currently Head of Advocacy at the Property Council of New Zealand, a fellow member organisation which advocates for residential, commercial, industrial and retail property interests. Her first day at IBANZ will be 8 September.

The board was delighted that this role attracted such a large number of talented and capable candidates. We conducted a very thorough recruitment process and Katherine emerged as the clear leader and unanimous choice of the selection panel.

Katherine has a law degree from Otago University and arts degree majoring in politics from Auckland University. She is a member of the Property Council's senior leadership team, leading the council's national and regional advocacy campaigns across a range of topics that will be familiar to our members such as the FENZ levy, seismic issues, risk and liability settings, and planning and consenting issues.

A keen runner, football player and Wellington Phoenix fan, Katherine lives with her family in Riverhead north of Auckland. After completing her first marathon this year, she has wisely resolved to stick to half-marathons going forward and has the Muriwai half-marathon next in her sights.

I know Katherine is excited about stepping in to being the voice of our profession and that you will all join the board in making her welcome when she joins us in September.

Sam Kerr
IBANZ Acting President
