

COMMENT

UKSIF congratulates Ethical Investment Champions honoured by HM The Queen in 2011 Birthday Honours

Honours for UKSIF Patron Charles Jacob CBE & Independent Financial Adviser Lee Coates OBE

London, 13 June 2011 – UKSIF, the sustainable investment and finance association, congratulates two long-standing champions of ethical and socially responsible investment who were honoured by the Queen in Saturday's Birthday Honours list - Charles Jacob who was awarded a CBE and Lee Coates who was awarded an OBE.

Charles Jacob, an UKSIF patron and former board member, has championed ethical investment over many decades.

Lee Coates, also a former UKSIF board member, was one of the earliest specialist ethical investment IFAs in the UK. His OBE was awarded for services to Ethical Business and Finance.

Penny Shepherd MBE, UKSIF chief executive, said: "UKSIF offers its warmest congratulations to Charles and Lee. These honours are richly deserved by both of them. They also demonstrate the increasing importance of ethical and responsible investment and finance."

About UKSIF

UKSIF, the sustainable investment and finance association, promotes responsible investment and other forms of finance that support sustainable economic development, enhance quality of life and safeguard the environment.

Founded in 1991, UKSIF has over 250 members including asset managers, investment consultants, pension funds, financial advisers, research providers, banks and non-governmental organisations. For more information, visit www.uksif.org.

About Charles Jacob CBE

Following a career in the City, Charles Jacob CBE became the first Investment Manager of the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church in the 1970s. He played key roles in the creation of the Friends Provident Stewardship Fund and the Church Investors Group. There are more details about Charles's career at <http://charlesjacob.org/>.

About Lee Coates OBE

Lee Coates is founder and director of IFA firm Ethical Investors Group (www.ethicalinvestors.co.uk) and of Ethical Screening, a trustee of Ethical Giving and chair of the Ecumenical Council for Corporate Responsibility (ECCR). In addition, he is director of Cruelty Free Super in Australia.

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