

GBCSA appoints Attacq's Giles Pendleton as new chair

Giles Pendleton, chief development officer of real estate investment trust Attacq, has been appointed the new chair of the Green Building Council South Africa (GBCSA), replacing Ilse Swanepoel.



Giles Pendleton, chief development officer, Attacq

"I would like to thank Ilse for leading the council over the past year and for the immense contribution she has made throughout her career to the development of sustainable building practices in South Africa. In terms of the road ahead, it is critical to have a stable and focused council that is aligned to its basic strategy, supported by a re-engineered board that has a strong industry centric input. This I believe will drive us towards more industry buy-in, partnerships and collaborations," said Pendleton.

Pendleton has over 23 years' experience in global commercial property development having been based in Poland, Australia and the UAE, driving smart and sustainable property developments, and has played a pivotal role in Attacq's flagship Waterfall City development.



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Said Lisa Reynolds, CEO of GBCSA, "I look forward to working with Giles and the newly constituted board to drive the growth and adoption of sustainable building practices across South Africa's property sector. Going into 2021, the promotion of a green recovery strategy and local value-added solutions will be imperative as we collectively work towards ensuring environmental sustainability within the industry."

As the new chair, Pendleton's primary focus will be on driving a new green economy and pushing for tools allowing for more existing buildings to be assessed and certified. He has prioritised a focus on green funding and green valuations as a catalyst to the green economy.

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