Burberry promotes NíChionna to senior independent director

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Burberry Group has appointed Orna NíChionna Senior Independent Director, effective 2 April.

NíChionna is being rewarded for her work as an Independent Non-Executive Director since joining the London luxury fashion house’s board in January 2018. She is currently Chair of Burberry’s Remuneration Committee and a member of its Nomination Committee.

The firm also confirmed that Carolyn McCall will retire as a Non-Executive Director on the same day as NíChionna takes up her new role. McCall is CEO of TV giant ITV and formerly ran easyJet and Guardian Newspapers.

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NiChionna’s promotion comes as Burberry awaits the arrival of its new CEO and executive director Jonathan Akeroyd. The former Versace chief joins in April at a crucial time as the firm continues to work towards its more ultra-luxury-focused strategy and continues its recovery from the pandemic.

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