Burford Capital appoints Jim Kilman as non-executive director

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NEW YORK, Nov. 23, 2026 /PRNewswire/ -- Burford Capital Limited ("Burford" or the "Company"), the leading global finance and asset management firm focused on law, is pleased to announce the appointment of Jim Kilman as a non-executive director to its board of directors (the "Board"), effective January 1, 2027. As with all Burford's directors, Mr. Kilman will stand for annual election as a non-executive director at the Company's annual general meetings (the "AGM"), commencing with the 2027 AGM. This appointment completes the refreshing of Burford's Board, which included the appointment of Rick Noel in May 2026, prior to the forthcoming, previously announced retirement of two directors, John Sievwright and Robert Gillespie, at the 2027 annual general meeting, and also means the entire Board will have turned over since 2020.

Previously, Mr. Kilman (65) was Vice Chairman of Investment Banking at Morgan Stanley. He spent 32 years in the investment banking business, including senior roles at Goldman Sachs, ABN AMRO and PaineWebber. Through much of his career, he worked with the management and boards of diversified financial services companies providing advice on strategy, mergers and restructurings and in raising debt and equity capital. Following his retirement in 2016, he became Chief Executive Officer of KielStrand Capital, a family office. Mr. Kilman holds an MA and a BA in Economics from Yale University.

Mr. Kilman currently serves as Trustee and Pricing Committee Chair of the series of trusts comprising MFS Mutual Funds, Boston, MA, a leading US mutual fund complex, a role he has held since 2019.

Mr. Kilman recently served as a member of the board of directors of Blackboiler Inc, a privately-held provider of AI-driven contract review software. He has also served as a member of the board of directors of alpha-En Corporation, a publicly traded provider of lithium metal technology, Recombinetics, Inc., a privately-held agricultural bio-technology company, and Modular Space Corporation, a privately held provider of modular buildings.

John Sievwright, Burford's Chairman, commented:

"Being able to have the former head of Morgan Stanley's specialty finance business on Burford's Board is a big win. Jim comes with an extraordinary range of knowledge and experience about capital, balance sheets and M&A for companies like Burford and will be a very valuable addition to the Board."

Mr. Kilman joins the Board with prior experience of Burford. He was Burford's principal investment banker at Morgan Stanley before his retirement in 2016. He served as a senior advisor to the Board

from 2017, and in 2019 took on a two-year role as Burford's interim chief financial officer ("CFO"). Since leaving the CFO role in 2021, he remained a senior advisor to the Board until June 30, 2026. While his tenure as CFO ended more than five years ago and thus would normally satisfy any criteria of independence, Mr. Kilman's modest role as a senior advisor means that under NYSE standards he will technically qualify as an independent Board director from July 1, 2029.

Following Mr. Kilman's appointment, the Board will nevertheless be composed of two-thirds independent directors throughout the period up until July 2029, and Mr. Kilman will not serve on any committees of the Board prior to that date. The Company is of the view that the benefits of Mr. Kilman's broad experience in the specialty finance market and his familiarity with the complexity of Burford's business outweigh his technical non-independence in the period until July 2029.

Other required disclosures

Mr. Kilman's full name is James William Kilman Jr. Save as disclosed below, Burford confirms that there are no further disclosures to be made in relation to Rule 17 and paragraph (g) of Schedule Two of the AIM Rules for Companies in respect of Mr. Kilman's appointment.

Current directorships/ partnerships/memberships:	KielStrand Capital, LLC Turnberg, LLC Inselhaus, LLC MFS Series Trust I MFS Series Trust II MFS Series Trust III MFS Series Trust IV MFS Series Trust V MFS Series Trust VI MFS Series Trust VII MFS Series Trust VIII MFS Series Trust IX MFS Series Trust X MFS Series Trust XI	MFS Series Trust XII MFS Series Trust XIII MFS Series Trust XIV MFS Series Trust XV MFS Series Trust XVI MFS Series Trust XVII MFS Municipal Series Trust MFS Active Exchange Traded Funds Trust MFS Variable Insurance Trust MFS Variable Insurance Trust II MFS Variable Insurance Trust III Massachusetts Investors Trust Massachusetts Investors Growth Stock Fund
Directorships/partnerships/ memberships in the past five years:	Blackboiler Inc MFS Special Value Trust MFS High Income Municipal Trust MFS High Yield Municipal Trust MFS Investment Grade Municipal Trust MFS Municipal Income Trust MFS Charter Income Trust MFS Intermediate High Income Fund MFS Multimarket Income Trust MFS Government Markets Income Trust MFS Intermediate Income Trust	
Directorships/partnerships/ memberships where the entity entered into a liquidation through bankruptcy where Mr Kilman was a director/partner/member within the preceding 12 months:	Lebenthal Holdings LLC - Mr. Kilman was appointed as an independent director in 2016 to assist in restructuring the company; in 2017, after he had resigned as a director, the company liquidated through a voluntary Chapter 7 bankruptcy.	

Mr. Kilman currently holds interests in aggregate of 296,231 ordinary shares, nil par value, in Burford Capital Limited (including ordinary shares directly owned, restricted share units and notional share interests held under the Burford Capital Deferred Compensation Plan).

Through KielStrand Capital LLC, Mr. Kilman holds a $500,000 commitment to the Burford Opportunity Fund B LP.

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