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Professional Jockeys Association Announce New Structure

The Professional Jockeys Association has announced a new structure following the resignation of Chief Executive Josh Apiafi, who is leaving his full-time position at the PJA to launch a new commercial consultancy business.

Kevin Darley, currently Industry Liaison Director, will become Chief Executive, while Apiafi, joins the PJA Board of Directors and will continue to provide commercial support to the association.

Ann Saunders, the PJA's Company Secretary has also been appointed a Director of the Company.

Rod Street, the PJA's Chairman said:

"We are very sad to see Josh go but respect his position and wish him every success with his new venture. Moreover, we are delighted to retain his commercial input at Board level. Josh has made great strides with the PJA in a short space of time and the Association is fresher, more vibrant and commercially focussed for his efforts."

"Kevin Darley's appointment reflects both the PJA's excellent succession planning and Kevin's progress since joining us as Industry Liaison Director in 2008. He commands great respect with the jockeys and in wider racing circles. He will be a terrific asset."

"In asking Ann Saunders to join the Board, we are recognising the huge value she brings to the Association, based on 32 years of working in the racing industry. Put simply, she is the PJA's conscience"

Kevin Darley, who was Champion Flat Jockey in 2000, said:

"I feel very honoured and privileged to have been asked to take on the role as Chief Executive. I have been involved with the PJA throughout my riding career and have always had a passion for everything it stands for. I look forward to continuing my work with the team in Newbury and representing the best interests of all Jockeys, from the journeyman to those on the front line."

To ensure a smooth transition, Apiafi will remain in command, handing over the reins to Darley in May, following a brief transition.

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