

Metro Bank appoints Hopkinson CFO

High street lender [Metro Bank](#) has appointed James Hopkinson as chief financial officer (CFO) and executive director.

He will take up the post from 5 September subject to regulatory approval.

Daniel Frumkin, CEO of Metro Bank, said: “James brings a wealth of experience in retail banking with a proven track record of growing businesses and managing finance teams. [He shares our vision for Metro Bank to become the UK’s best community bank and he will be a valuable addition to the board and executive committee.](#)”

Hopkinson joins from ClearBank where he has been CFO since 2019 and board member since 2020.

Previously, he spent almost 20 years at Standard Chartered, where he held a variety of roles including [CFO for regions and clients](#), [CFO for global retail banking and global head of investor relations](#). Hopkinson is a chartered accountant and began his career at PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC).

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He said: “Metro Bank is the stand-out consumer champion in retail banking. The progress made on the turnaround plan to date has been impressive and I look forward to helping take the Bank into its next phase of growth and towards sustainable profitability.”

At the end of last year, [Metro Bank was hit with a £5.38 million fine from the Bank of England](#). It had mis-reported the value of its commercial loan portfolio, an error that once identified saw the shares crash, and later led to the departure of CEO Craig Donaldson after a decade in charge.