

# Company announcement from Vestas Wind Systems A/S

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# Vestas' Board of Directors to nominate Helle Thorning-Schmidt as new member of the Board

The Board of Directors of Vestas Wind Systems A/S is pleased to announce that Mrs. Helle Thorning-Schmidt has agreed to be nominated as a member of the Vestas Board of Directors for election at the Annual General Meeting on 3 April 2019.

The election of Helle Thorning-Schmidt will follow Vestas' standard rules for election of new members to the Board, ref. Vestas Wind Systems A/S Articles of association.

In Helle Thorning-Schmidt, Vestas has found a strong candidate who has the core competencies for the work of the Board and with her experience can support Vestas becoming the global leader in sustainable energy. Helle Thorning-Schmidt shares Vestas' aspiration to meet the growing global energy needs sustainably and address climate change by making the existing energy system sustainable, and she will provide extensive insights into the political conditions around government-regulated industries such as the energy industry, as well as a global network and experience from managing complex organisations. Extended biography for the proposed candidate can be found on page two.

Full information on proposed members of the Board of Directors will be provided in the notice convening the Annual General Meeting, which will be disclosed on 27 February 2019.

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# **Biography for Helle Thorning-Schmidt**

## **Helle Thorning-Schmidt**

Born: 1966

Nationality: Danish Resident: London

Position: CEO of Save the Children International

#### Competencies

#### Education

Master's Degree in Political Science from the University of Copenhagen (DK)
Master's Degree in European Studies from the College of Europe in Bruges (BE)

## Former positions (selected)

2011-2015 Prime Minister of Denmark

2005-2015 Member of Danish Parliament and leader of the Social Democratic Party

1999-2004 Member of the European Parliament

#### Special competencies

Mrs Thorning-Schmidt has the following competencies which specifically will be essential to the work of the Board of Directors of Vestas Wind Systems A/S: In-depth knowledge of governmental affairs and political environments as well as strategic management of international and political organisations.

# **Fiduciary positions**

Member of the boards of Safelane Global, and Algebris Research and Policy Forum

#### Position of trust (selected)

International Crisis Group, Advisory Board to Council of Foreign Affairs, European Council of Foreign Affairs, 21st Century Council, The Schwab Foundation, and Transform Fund Board in Islamic Development Bank.