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# The Leadership Lounge with Ann Francke and Greg Jackson

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## Speaker biographies

Ann Francke OBE CMgr CCMI, CEO, Chartered Management Institute



Ann Francke is Chief Executive of the Chartered Management Institute, the UK's leading professional body for management and leadership with an international member community of over 200,000. She started her career at Procter & Gamble and has held senior executive positions at Mars, Boots, Yell and BSI. Ann is an expert in Management and Leadership in the workplace, and speaks frequently in the media and at conferences on this; she is a regular columnist for The London Times. In the New Years Honours list 2020 she was awarded an OBE for services to Workplace Equality. Her book, 'Create a

Gender-balanced Workplace,' was published by Penguin Business in 2019. Ann also authored the 'Financial Times Guide to Management' and has been named in the top 100 women to watch in the 2015 Female FTSE Cranfield report. She was awarded the inaugural MemCom award for outstanding leadership of a UK professional body' in 2016.

Ann holds several Board positions and five Honorary Doctorates for her work in management and leadership. She is an ambassador for the 30% Club.

Greg Jackson CBE , Founder & Chief Executive, Octopus Energy



Greg Jackson is the founder of Octopus Energy Group, the UK's largest electricity supplier and a global energy and technology company that's driving the affordable, green energy system of the future. Launched in 2016, the Group now serves almost 8.5 million customers globally (7 million in the UK), is present in 27 countries and operates a £7bn portfolio of renewable energy assets. Octopus drives the tech-enabled green energy transition, innovating relentlessly to make

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energy better for consumers and the planet. Kraken, Octopus's proprietary green tech platform, is at the heart of the Group's growth and is now contracted to serve over 54 million accounts across the globe.

Octopus has attracted over \$2.3 billion worth of funding from international energy companies, large pension funds and global investors, and has valued the company at around \$9 billion.

Greg is a serial tech entrepreneur and has built and sold a number of successful businesses before starting Octopus. He is an angel investor in a wide range of start-ups, and is a key thought leader in the UK on issues related to energy transition, energy costs and innovation.