

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 29, 2018



BRIGHTSPHERE
Investment Group plc

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

England and Wales
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-36683
(Commission File Number)

98-1179929
(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

**Millennium Bridge House
2 Lambeth Hill
London EC4V 4GG, United Kingdom
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(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

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ITEM 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

New Executive Chair

On December 3, 2018, BrightSphere Investment Group plc (the “Company”) announced that Guang Yang has been named Executive Chair of the Board of Directors of the Company (the “Board of Directors”), effective as of November 30, 2018. In addition, Robert Chersi has been appointed as Lead Independent Director of the Board of Directors, effective as of November 30, 2018.

Resignation of Director

On November 29, 2018, James Ritchie retired from his position as a director of the Company and stepped down as Chair of the Board of Directors, effective as of November 29, 2018. Mr. Ritchie shall continue to provide assistance to the Board of Directors as a consultant pursuant to terms and conditions as agreed between Mr. Ritchie and the Board of Directors.

Changes to Board of Directors Committees

In connection with his retirement from the Board of Directors, Mr. Ritchie also stepped down from his position as a member and Chair of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee of the Board of Directors (the “Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee”) and as a member of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors (the “Audit Committee”), each effective as of November 29, 2018. In addition, (i) Guang Yang has been appointed to each of the Audit Committee and the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors (the “Compensation Committee”), (ii) John Paulson has been appointed as a member and Chair of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, (iii) Reginald Love has been appointed as a member of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and (iv) Mary Elizabeth (Maliz) Beams has been appointed to the Compensation Committee, each effective as of November 30, 2018.

ITEM 7.01 Regulation FD.

On December 3, 2018, the Company issued a press release announcing the appointment of Guang Yang as Executive Chair of the Board of Directors and the retirement of James Ritchie from the Board of Directors, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

The information in Item 7.01 to this Form 8-K and the information filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K is being furnished in accordance with Item 7.01 and shall not be deemed to be “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Such information shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as may be expressly set forth in a specific filing.

ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release issued by the Company on December 3, 2018

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this form to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

Date: December 3, 2018

BRIGHTSPHERE INVESTMENT GROUP PLC

By: /s/ Stephen H. Belgrad
Name: Stephen H. Belgrad
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

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[Press Release issued by the Company on December 3, 2018](#)



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BrightSphere Names Guang Yang as Executive Chair of the Board of Directors

***James Ritchie Retires from BrightSphere's Board
Bob Chersi Appointed as Lead Independent Director***

LONDON, December 3, 2018 — BrightSphere Investment Group plc (NYSE: BSIG) today announced that Guang Yang has been named Executive Chair of the Board of Directors, effective November 30, 2018. Dr. Yang replaces James Ritchie, who is stepping down as Chair and retiring from the Board. In addition, Robert Chersi has been appointed as BrightSphere's Lead Independent Director.

Dr. Yang served on BrightSphere's Board of Directors from May 2017 to September 2018, and was a member of the Audit and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committees. His most recent appointment to the Board began in November 2018.

"I welcome this opportunity to lead BrightSphere's Board of Directors," said Dr. Yang. "I look forward to working with the current management team and the rest of our Board to grow our business and create long-term shareholder value."

"I have been delighted to serve on BrightSphere's Board of Directors since its initial public offering in 2014," said Mr. Ritchie. "I am confident in BrightSphere's continued success."

Dr. Yang is the Managing Partner of H Plus Capital, a private market investment management firm. Dr. Yang was previously an Executive Vice President, Senior Portfolio Manager and Research Analyst at Franklin Templeton Investments Global Equities. He holds a B.S. from the University of Science and Technology of China, a Ph.D. in Neuroscience from Australian National University and an MBA from Harvard Business School. Dr. Yang is also a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) charterholder.

Mr. Chersi has been a member of the Board, and Chair of the Audit Committee, since 2016. Mr. Chersi's career includes roles as a member of the Executive Committee and Chief Financial Officer of Financial Services at Fidelity Investments, and CFO of U.S. Wealth Management/Deputy CFO of Global Wealth Management and Business Banking at UBS.

Mr. Ritchie was a member of BrightSphere and its predecessor company's Board of Directors since 2007. Prior to becoming Chair in 2017, Mr. Ritchie chaired the Board's Audit Committee and served on its Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

About BrightSphere

BrightSphere is a global, multi-boutique asset management company with approximately \$238 billion of assets under management as of September 30, 2018. Its diverse Affiliates offer leading, alpha generating investment strategies to investors around the world. BrightSphere's partnership approach, which includes equity ownership at the Affiliate level and a profit sharing relationship between BrightSphere and its Affiliates, aligns the interests of the Company and its Affiliates to work collaboratively in accelerating their growth. BrightSphere's business model combines the investment talent, entrepreneurialism, focus and creativity of leading asset management boutiques with the resources and capabilities of a larger firm. For more information, please visit the Company's website at www.bsig.com.