

Editas Medicine Names Andrew Hirsch to Board of Directors

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CAMBRIDGE, Mass., May 31, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Editas Medicine, Inc. (NASDAQ:EDIT), a leading genome editing company, today announced the appointment of Andrew Hirsch to its board of directors, effective immediately. Mr. Hirsch will also serve as chairman of the audit committee of the board. He is currently Chief Financial Officer of Agios Pharmaceuticals.

“Andrew’s deep experience in biotechnology spans strategy, finance, and operations, and I am pleased to welcome him to our board of directors,” said Katrine Bosley, President and Chief Executive Officer, Editas Medicine. “I am confident that we will benefit from Andrew’s leadership, expertise, and business acumen. His contributions will be vital as we continue to build Editas and work towards our goal of making medicines for people suffering from genetically-defined diseases.”

“I am delighted to join the Editas Medicine board of directors,” said Mr. Hirsch. “I look forward to helping guide the Company as it executes its plans to develop innovative genomic medicines in the years ahead.”

Mr. Hirsch has more than 20 years of experience in a range of strategic and operating roles in business, including more than 15 years in the biotech industry. Prior to his current role at Agios, Mr. Hirsch served as president and chief executive officer of BIND Therapeutics. Earlier in his career, Mr. Hirsch held various leadership roles at Avila Therapeutics and Biogen. Mr. Hirsch holds an MBA from the Tuck School at Dartmouth College and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of Pennsylvania.

About Editas Medicine

Editas Medicine is a leading genome editing company dedicated to treating patients with genetically-defined diseases by correcting their disease-causing genes. The Company was founded by world leaders in genome editing, and its mission is to translate the promise of genome editing science into a broad class of transformative genomic medicines to benefit the greatest number of patients.

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