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## **QIC APPOINTS NEW HEAD OF EQUITIES DEALING**

QIC has strengthened its Global Equities team following the appointment of Chris Claridge to the position of Head of Equities Dealing.

In his role, Chris will manage the QIC Australian equities trading desk with a focus on implementing best-practice alpha generation strategies.

Chris joins QIC from Austock Securities where he was manager of the Brisbane office. He has more than 20 years industry experience, having run the sales trading desks for both Macquarie Equities and Citigroup.

His specialties lie in facilitation, portfolio trading and derivatives. He commenced his position on 1<sup>st</sup> October.

QIC Head of Australian Equities, Simon Hudson said that Chris' expertise with derivatives will play an important role in QIC's after-tax management strategies in the future.

"Chris is one of the most experienced trading desk professionals in Australia," Hudson said.

"His in-depth expertise with derivatives will be a highly valuable resource in our after-tax management strategies.

"He will further boost the skill set of QIC's Australian Equities team and assist us in meeting our client's long-term investment objectives," he said.

Chris said that joining one of Australia's leading equity investment teams was a terrific opportunity.

"I look forward to working with the QIC's Australian Equities team to implement innovative after-tax management strategies," Chris said.

QIC is one of Australia's largest institutional fund managers with more than \$60 billion currently under management for its Australian and overseas clients.

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