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## **QIC DIVERSIFIES INTO ENDOWMENT FUND**

QIC has further diversified its investments after it awarded a US\$500 million private endowment mandate to Makena Capital, a US-based Endowment and Foundation (E&F) fund.

Endowment and Foundation funds differ from most traditional forms of investment as they aim to maintain steady returns in all market environments rather than aiming for potentially higher returns at the expense of volatile market results.

Endowment and Foundation funds have traditionally been used by universities and charities in the US to fund their ongoing activities.

QIC Strategy General Manager, Brad Holzberger said that this investment would provide QIC with enormous insight into the Endowment & Foundation investment model.

“Investing in E&F funds is more about investing in a process rather than an asset class,” Mr Holzberger said.

“This investment will generate another protection mechanism for our clients during times of volatile market movements.

“The reputation of E&F funds was further strengthened during the bear market earlier this decade when they still managed to preserve value while financial markets were down significantly.

“The core of the Makena staff worked together at the Stanford Management Company. The Stanford endowment is regarded as one of the top three of its kind in the US along with Yale and Harvard.

“Another strength for Makena Capital is the quality of its’ Financial Oversight Board which includes former Westpac CEO Bob Joss and Dr Tony Tan, the Executive Director and Co-deputy Chairman of the Government of Singapore Investment Corporation (GIC),” he said.

The Makena Capital Private Endowment Fund is diversified across a wide range of asset classes including Equities, Real Estate, Natural Resources (such as Timber and Commodities), Private Equity, Absolute Return and Fixed Income

QIC is one of Australia’s largest institutional fund managers with more than \$55 billion currently under management for its Australian and overseas clients.

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