

The former chief operating officer and company secretary of Intech Investments Consultants, Sandra Donnarumma, has joined Rismark International as its chief financial officer.

Donnarumma brings a solid background of both international and domestic industry experience to Rismark.

Before Intech, Donnarumma held several senior roles with Deutsche Bank in London and Sydney including head of offshore emerging markets, head of global exchange services, regional (Asia) head of global exchange services, and financial controller of global exchange services.



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She has also been a senior executive with Bankers Trust and ANZ Bank.

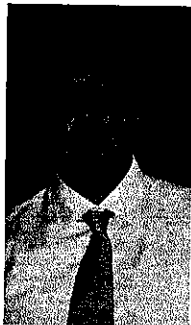
Rismark also established a Global Research Advisory Board with Professor Barry Nalebuff, Professor Joshua Gans, and Professor Alex Frino as its founding members.

Nalebuff is the Milton Steinbach Professor of Economics and Management at Yale University and specialises in business strategy.

Gans is the Foundation Professor of Management (Information Economics) at the University of Melbourne.

Frino is Professor and Chair of Finance at Sydney University, director of the Futures Research Centre at the Securities Industry Research Centre of Asia-Pacific, and a 2005 Senior Fulbright Scholar.

Rob Johnston is Macquarie Financial Services'



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new Western Australian state manager.

Johnston is a former professional rugby union player and joined Macquarie as an adviser in the firm's Brisbane office at the end of his sporting career. He has been with the organisation for the past 10 years, during which he progressed to become the second in charge of its Queensland branch.

Johnston has a reputation for excellence in managing both clients and staff.

In Western Australia he will be responsible for expanding Macquarie's operation, mainly through attracting new staff and assisting advisers.

Johnston takes over the role after his predecessor, Graham Crocker, signalled his intention several months ago to relinquish the state manager's position in order to spend more time with his own clients.

Crocker will now head up the wealth management team in Western Australia.

The first female chair of the Association of Superannuation Funds of Australia (ASFA), Rosemary Vilgan, has returned to chair the organisation for a second time.

Vilgan currently oversees the Queensland Government's superannuation program in her role as chief executive of the Government Superannuation Office.

In this capacity she is responsible for over \$30 billion in assets belonging to more than 430,000 members.

She is also the executive officer of the Qsuper Fund, the major fund administered.

Vilgan's first time as chair of ASFA began in 1997 and ended in 2000, and was unique because she was both the first female chair and the youngest person to fill the role for ASFA.

She takes over the position from principal, Marvin & Palmer Associates, Lorraine Berends.

Peter McPhee has filled the newly created head of distribution role at Mercer Global Investments (MGI).

McPhee has held several different business development roles in his 20-year involvement in financial services and was head of retail sales with BT Funds Management. During this time he gained experience in both the retail and institutional spaces in the market.

At Mercer, McPhee will be asked to concentrate on developing a multi-channel retail distribution strategy for the firm to complement MGI's well-established institutional business.

He will also oversee the entire range of MGI's client service and marketing activities.

Sovereign Bridge Capital Group has been able to complete its succession plan two years ahead of schedule with two of its employees, Mike Bennett and Leanne Dellow, stepping up to become part owners of the Perth-based financial planning practice.

Bennett is in the process of completing his Certificate of Financial Planning and has been an adviser with the firm for the past three years.

Dellow is currently production manager for Sovereign Bridge, and in this capacity manages the company's paraplanning and client services activities. She has been with the organisation for over four years and holds a Diploma of Financial Planning.

Although the succession plan is now in place, director Marie Bermingham pointed out that she was not intending to retire in the immediate future.

WB Financial Manage-

ment has appointed Natalia Auriac as its new marketing manager.

Auriac became a member of the WB Financial Management team in March 2003 when she took on the marketing assistant role in the Brisbane head office.

Prior to this she was



Natalia Auriac

involved in research and event management activities on the Gold Coast.

As marketing manager, Auriac's main focus will be on streamlining the organisation's mar-

keting process through the creation and implementation of a marketing program for the firm's financial advisers across the nation.

To this end she has already developed an online marketing program that allows advisers to access templates for organising local events, information regarding newsletters and branding guidelines.

Auriac will also be called upon to manage WB Financial Management's branding strategies and public relations.

She holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree with a marketing major from Griffith University.

Nerida Seccombe has taken up the Melbourne-based position of senior actuary at global human resources services company Hewitt Associates.

Seccombe left her role as a Watson Wyatt prin-

cipal to make the move to Hewitt.

In her 15-year involvement in the superannuation and financial services industries she has provided general consulting and actuarial advice to several organisations as well as trustees of superannuation plans and sub-plans incorporated within master trusts.

Seccombe's addition to the Hewitt team is part of a bid to strengthen the firm's presence in the domestic superannuation and asset consulting space by boosting the outfit's ability to provide independent advice to clients including institutions, policy committees, and trustees.

She holds a Bachelor of Economics degree with a major in Actuarial Studies from Macquarie University, and is a fellow of the Institute of Actuaries in Australia.

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