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## NEW APPOINTMENT

### **Equity Trustees appoints Senior Manager, Structured Finance – Corporate Trusts to Sydney office**

Equity Trustees has appointed James Connell to the role of Senior Manager, Structured Finance – Corporate Trusts in the Sydney office of the Corporate Trustee Services (CTS) team. He begins in the role on 8 May.

Mr Connell has significant expertise in corporate trusteeship, coupled with experience as a lawyer, and transaction manager with a leading institutional bank. His most recent role was Vice President, Transaction Management Group Asia for Deutsche Bank in Hong Kong.

“James will be an important addition to our strengthening team,” said Harvey Kalman, Executive General Manager, CTS. “We will be rounding out our services to include Debenture/Note Trusteeship, Security Trusteeship, Escrow Agency, Property and Special Custody, as well as other CTS and bespoke corporate trust transactions.”

CTS has grown into Australia’s largest independent responsible entity (RE) service provider since it was established 17 years ago with just three clients, seven funds and \$700m in funds under supervision. It now services more than 100 clients, 240 funds and over \$50bn funds under supervision.

“Importantly, this appointment signals our commitment to growing our presence in Sydney. We are already leaders in the responsible entity service area, and James brings added expertise, drive and commitment to the CTS team to grow our corporate trustee service area and strengthen our market position,” said Mr Kalman.

The CTS team has set its sights on the expanding fund manager market in Asia and overseas, which requires Australian RE, trustee and corporate trustee services, as part of its continued evolution and development.

“Our clients can be assured that they are being looked after by one of the most credentialed and experienced specialist corporate trustee team in the business,” said Mr Kalman. “We are committed to recruiting great talent and welcome James to the Equity Trustees team.”

Mr Connell holds an LLB (Hons) from Kings College, University of London, England and a Diploma in Legal Practice from the College of Law, Guildford, England. He is registered to practice in Australia and the UK, and is also currently a Director, and Treasurer of the Banking and Financial Services Law Association.

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