

## NEW APPOINTMENTS TO ENHANCE GEORGESON'S SERVICES IN AUSTRALIA

Leading proxy solicitation firm, Georgeson, has recently bolstered its Australian team with the appointment of Domenic Brancati to the role of Managing Director. Domenic began working for Georgeson in the UK in 2001, and has since played major roles in some of the largest M&A transactions and proxy fights in Europe and Asia including Barclays' merger with ABN Amro, Old Mutual's takeover of Skandia and the Arcelor / Mittal and Royal Dutch Shell / Knight Vinke Asset Management proxy fights.

Domenic will share management responsibilities with Ryan Wade who has been a vital member of the Georgeson team since 2002. Ryan specialises in devising and implementing proxy solicitation and strategic shareholder communication campaigns for M&A and other extraordinary transactions. Over the years, he has worked on many high profile deals, including Coles' merger with Wesfarmers, Cemex's takeover of Rinker, Suncorp's merger with Promina and Toll's takeover of Patrick.

With the team in Australia now boasting over 30 years of combined industry experience, Georgeson is in a better position than ever to meet the strategic needs of its clients.

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