

# First Sentier Investors strengthens its responsible investment team

# Media release

**Wednesday, 16 October 2019:** Leading global investment manager, First Sentier Investors (formerly Colonial First State Global Asset Management), today announced the expansion of its responsible investment team with the appointment of Kate Turner as Responsible Investment Specialist.

Ms Turner brings extensive responsible and sustainable investment expertise to the business, along with a blend of commercial and environmental, social and governance (ESG) data and analytical experience. The Sydney-based role reports in to First Sentier Investors' London-based Global Head of Responsible Investment, Will Oulton.

Mr Oulton expressed his delight in welcoming someone of Ms Turner's calibre and experience to the business as the global firm builds out its longstanding capabilities and market-leading reputation in responsible investment.

"Kate will play an integral role in supporting our investment teams, and working with our clients and other stakeholders in Australia and New Zealand, as we communicate our approach and progress in integrating responsible investment across the business. The investment teams' commitment to incorporating ESG principles across their processes and strategies is central to their investment approach, and underpins our corporate identity," he said.

"Our strategic approach to responsible investment focuses on enhancing the quality and relevance of our investment capabilities for the benefit of our clients. This approach is rigorously informed by over a decade of experience in striving to understand how ESG issues impact long-term investment returns," he added.

Prior to this role, Ms Turner was an Associate Director at Sustainalytics leading its business in Australia and New Zealand, and has previously held roles at ICBC Standard Bank Plc in London and Baker & McKenzie in Sydney.

First Sentier Investors is known as First State Investments outside of Australia.

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First Sentier Investors (formerly known as Colonial First State Global Asset Management) manages A\$222.7 billion (as at 30 June 2019) in assets managed on behalf of institutional investors, pension funds, wholesale distributors, investment platforms, financial advisers and their clients worldwide.

In August 2019, Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc., acquired the business from the Commonwealth Bank of

Australia. The business, known as First State Investments outside of Australia, operates as a standalone global investment management business, with offices across Europe, the US, and Asia Pacific regions.

With expertise across a range of asset classes and specialist investment sectors, our approach to investment is driven by a commitment to provide the best possible outcomes over the long term for our investors. To achieve this, we ensure our interests are aligned with our investors and uphold a culture of consistently acting in our clients' best interests.

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