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### **New senior appointment supporting global growth strategy at Maple-Brown Abbott**

**- For immediate release -**

Maple-Brown Abbott Ltd. has appointed Duncan Hodnett to the newly-created position of head of global distribution.

In the new role, Mr Hodnett is responsible for all Maple-Brown Abbott's business development, client service, marketing and product strategy activities both in Australia and overseas, across its institutional, wholesale and retail markets. He is based in Sydney and reports to Sophia Rahmani, chief executive officer and managing director.

Ms Rahmani said that Mr Hodnett's appointment is a key step in the firm's ongoing evolution and expansion, and an important investment in the business's future growth.

"Duncan has a wealth of experience across a range of asset classes which will be fundamental in supporting Maple-Brown Abbott in its long-term growth strategy and as we actively seek opportunities to expand both organically and through selective partnerships."

"Part of his role will be to further diversify our client base across markets both locally and globally. We already have clients in 24 countries and Duncan's international experience, strong existing client relationships, and proven track record in leading a distribution strategy and raising funds, while also providing exceptional client service, will be invaluable," Ms Rahmani said.

Mr Hodnett has over 17 years' experience in financial services in Australian, European and US markets. He joins Maple-Brown Abbott from Pinnacle Investment Management when he was director of institutional sales, with geographic responsibility in Australia and the USA. Prior to this he spent seven years with Eaton Vance Investment Management, including as head of Europe for the institutional business, and head of Australia and New Zealand. He has also worked for Macquarie Group, BT Financial Group and Westpac Banking Corporation.

His appointment follows that of Ms Rahmani in late 2019, which was a key step in the firm's ongoing development by appointing a managing director whose sole focus is managing the business.

Mr Hodnett will commence with Maple-Brown Abbott on Monday 30 March, 2020.



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## About Maple-Brown Abbott Limited

As one of Australia's first boutique investment managers, Maple-Brown Abbott (MBA) has been managing investment portfolios for institutional investors for over 35 years. MBA is privately owned, with approximately 60 staff based in Sydney and one in Brisbane and, as at 29 February 2020, had A\$12.8 billion in assets under management.

MBA initially formed as a boutique investment manager specialising in Australian equities. Over time, the business has evolved and is now a multi-boutique business focussing on Australian equities, Asian equities and global listed infrastructure securities, with some of these businesses jointly owned with key staff within the firm.

MBA currently has clients in 24 countries. In addition to a range of Australian institutional, high-net worth and retail clients, both the Asian equities and Global Listed Infrastructure teams manage investments for a number of blue-chip international clients. It is regulated by authorities in Australia, Europe and the United States, and is also a signatory to the United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment (UNPRI).