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Maple-Brown Abbott launches Global Listed Infrastructure strategy

Maple-Brown Abbott today announced the launch of a new investment strategy - Global Listed Infrastructure.

Garth Rossler, Managing Director of Maple-Brown Abbott said “The decision to expand our business and commence this strategy was driven by our view of the attractive long-term investment characteristics of the asset class and its strong compatibility with our investment approach. Global Infrastructure is well-suited to deep, fundamental analysis that is valuation focussed, and with a particular emphasis on the level and sustainability of the dividend component of returns.”

Maple-Brown Abbott have secured a high quality, experienced investment team with a clearly differentiated investment approach to the asset class that will be responsible for managing the strategy.

“We are very pleased to have four highly experienced and capable infrastructure investment professionals join our business. The team’s investment approach is a strong fit with our long term valuation driven approach and is a natural extension to our pan-Asian equity strategies which we have been running for over ten years” stated Garth Rossler.

The investment team for the new strategy will include Andrew Maple-Brown, Steven Kempler, Lachlan Pike and Justin Lannen. All four, who are equity partners in the founding of this strategy, have extensive infrastructure and asset management experience, including working together previously within Macquarie Group. Seed funding has been sourced for the strategy.

Commenting on the announcement, Andrew Maple-Brown highlighted the attractive underlying investment characteristics of infrastructure assets, but noted that this has not always translated into the performance expected by investors in Global Listed Infrastructure products.

“We believe if low volatility and inflation protection are important investment objectives of investors in the asset class, then we must ensure these characteristics are clearly identified as part of the investment process. Our strategy is therefore purely focussed on those core infrastructure assets that we believe will together best demonstrate these characteristics.”

Andrew Maple-Brown is the son of the late Robert Maple-Brown, the firm's co-founder, and the commencement of this strategy further reinforces the family’s strong ongoing commitment to Maple-Brown Abbott.

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About Maple-Brown Abbott Investment Managers

Maple-Brown Abbott Limited is a privately owned investment management company, which was established in 1984 and specialises in the management of Australian and Asia Pacific ex-Japan equity portfolios for corporations, institutions, industry and corporate superannuation funds, retail clients, charities and high net worth individuals. Maple-Brown Abbott also manage a number of balanced portfolios with exposure to Australian and international equities, Australian fixed interest, REITs, cash and alternative asset classes. Funds under management were \$8.2 billion as at 31 January 2013.

As a value manager, MBA employs a disciplined bottom-up stock selection process, with an emphasis on strong primary research. The firm is one of the longest established investment management firms in Australia and places significant emphasis on retaining its heritage as a true boutique, facilitating both flexible decision making and a strong alignment of interest with its clients.