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AustralianSuper builds leadership team for next phase of growth

AustralianSuper has today announced the appointment of Paula Benson to the role of Chief Officer, Strategy & Corporate Affairs.

AustralianSuper Chief Executive, Paul Schroder, welcomed Ms Benson to the role which will be pivotal in supporting the Fund's next phase of global growth, including delivering Fund-wide global strategic guidance as the organisation grows to \$500 billion within the next five years.

'As a very experienced corporate executive, Paula has impressed us with her strategic and innovative approach to corporate and public affairs, and her commitment to delivering positive commercial and societal outcomes for members,' Mr Schroder said.

'Paula's experience will be important in driving forward our global strategic positioning, advocacy and engagement as we deliver on our purpose of helping members achieve their best possible financial position in retirement.'

Ms Benson joins AustralianSuper as an experienced senior corporate affairs executive and non-executive director including roles in funds management, banking, resources, healthcare and infrastructure.

Since 2020, Ms Benson has held the role of Global Head of Marketing, Brand and Communications at IFM Investors. Prior to this she was a non-Executive Director at the Victorian Funds Management Corporation and the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Trust among other directorships.

She also served as the Executive General Manager, Corporate Affairs at National Australia Bank. Ms Benson was awarded a Member (AM) of the Order of Australia (General Division) for her significant service to people living with ovarian cancer, and to business, in 2021.

Ms Benson said she was very excited to get started in her new role with AustralianSuper.

'Working with purpose and delivering commercial outcomes are some of my key drivers and I am delighted to join AustralianSuper at this important moment and to play a key role in supporting global growth ambitions in order to deliver outcomes for members,' Ms Benson said.

'I have been incredibly impressed by the culture of members first at the Fund and it will be a privilege to join the team and deliver on our purpose of helping members achieve their best financial position in retirement. There are few greater honours than to play a role in ensuring hard working Australians have dignity in retirement.'

Ms Benson will commence on 18 September 2023.

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