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## FTSE Appoints New Director of Australia and New Zealand

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- **Justin Walsh hired to lead FTSE's Australian index business**
- **Reflects FTSE's ongoing commitment to the local market**

**05 May, 2015:** FTSE Group ("FTSE"), the global index provider, today announces that Justin Walsh has been appointed as Director of Australia and New Zealand. The new hire builds on FTSE's existing regional presence, reinforcing its commitment to providing innovative indices to superannuation funds, asset managers and consultants. The strengthening of the team reflects the continuing growth in popularity of passive investment management across the Australian and New Zealand market.

Justin has joined FTSE's Australian office to help expand the business, as well as maintaining the high level of service already provided to clients. He has more than 15 years experience working in fund management institutional sales, asset consulting and manager research. Most recently, he was an Executive Director at MSCI.

**Ms. Jessie Pak, FTSE Managing Director, Asia said:**

"We are pleased to welcome Justin to FTSE. His experience will enable our Australian business to build on its current success and further reflects our commitment to market participants in the region. We see significant growth opportunities for our business in Australia and New Zealand, particularly with increased demand for a diversified view of global infrastructure, which led to the enhancements in the FTSE Core Infrastructure Index."

Within Australia, FTSE has dedicated functions in product analytics and research, client distribution, client services and marketing. Justin will be working alongside Sam Millar, Product Specialist, who is responsible for supporting FTSE's client base through equity and fixed interest research and Mo El-Assaad, National Business Development Manager, who is responsible for the distribution and development of FTSE indices within Australia and New Zealand.

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