

Media Release

Martin Currie Australia strengthens team



November 29, 2022: Martin Currie Australia, the active equity specialist investment manager of Franklin Templeton Australia Limited (Franklin Templeton), has bolstered its distribution team with the appointment of Ross Kent as a Client Portfolio Manager.

Kent will work closely with the Australian investment team to represent Martin Currie's suite of investment capabilities across the institutional and intermediary marketplace, in partnership with Franklin Templeton.

An experienced financial services executive, Kent joins Martin Currie Australia from Bridge Impact Capital where he was responsible for building commitment from co-investors to fund infrastructure projects. Prior to this, he was the Head of Strategic Relationships at MLC Asset Management (formerly NAB Asset Management) where he was responsible for relationship management across its ten largest clients. He has also worked with Dimensional Fund Advisors Australia, Alliance Bernstein Australia & NZ and AMP Group.

Reece Birtles, chief investment officer Martin Currie Australia said: "Ross has an outstanding track record in building client relationships and has great knowledge of the Australian market. We are delighted to have him join the team to further consolidate our presence in Australia and position ourselves as a leading active equity specialist for institutional and intermediary clients. Ross's experience makes him well-placed to support our efforts."

Kent added: "I am really looking forward to working at Martin Currie, and a team that has established a long-standing commitment to excellence in Australian equity investing with sustainable values."

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