

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**FSC Industry Excellence Awards Winners Announced**

NINE outstanding financial services executives have tonight been honoured with industry excellence awards at the Financial Services Council Leaders Summit Gala Dinner in Melbourne.

The five men and four women were recognised for their sustained professional support and leadership of the financial services industry.

Financial Services Council CEO Sally Loane applauded the winners, saying the awards were the longest running in the FSC's history.

"The FSC industry excellence awards are designed to acknowledge individuals in our member companies for their outstanding contributions to our industry's future," Ms Loane said.

"They are recognised for their willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty in support of policy development, regulatory balance, research programs and industry initiatives.

"Since 2004, only 48 individuals have met these incredibly high standards. I am delighted a further nine outstanding nominees have been added to the list in 2016."

The 2016 winners are:

Sarah Little	Executive Manager Strategy CBA Wealth Management Advice
Andrew Casperson	National Manager, Retail Product Development ANZ
Kelly Kerr	Senior Strategy and Solution Design Manager BT Financial Group
Jon Ireland	Partner Henry Davis York
Sam Hallinan	Managing Director Nikko AM
John Kirkness	Head of Tax, Insurance & Superannuation AMP
Claire Machin	Special Counsel Herbert Smith Freehills
Alison Wheatley	Special Counsel Herbert Smith Freehills
Michael Vrisakis	Partner, Corporate Herbert Smith Freehills

Criteria used to select the award recipients included:

- The individual has made an outstanding contribution to an industry (and/or FSC) field of endeavor which supports the industry and its customers;
- The individual's contribution has been outstanding when assessed against similar contributions from other individuals working on similar projects: and
- Active participation in FSC Board Committees, Working Groups, Expert Groups and special projects.

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**About the Financial Services Council**

The Financial Services Council represents Australia's retail and wholesale funds management businesses, superannuation funds, life insurers, financial advisory networks, trustee companies and Public Trustees. The Council has over 110 members who are responsible for investing more than \$2.5 trillion on behalf of 11.5 million Australians. The pool of funds under management is larger than Australia's GDP and the capitalisation of the Australian Securities Exchange and is the fourth largest pool of managed funds in the world. The Financial Services Council promotes best practice for the financial services industry by setting mandatory Standards for its members and providing Guidance Notes to assist in operational efficiency.