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## Media release

### **AMP Capital expands Future Directions Funds team in response to market growth**

AMP Capital Investors has appointed Van Athukorala to a new role as Senior Portfolio Manager Future Directions Funds (FDF) with a focus on large and small cap Australian equities and international equities portfolios.

The new role and expansion of the team comes as large and small cap portfolios increasingly become more sophisticated.

Mr Athukorala has more than 17 years experience in investment management including responsibility for the management of multi-manager global equities and global small caps. His experience includes global equity strategy formulation, manager selection and portfolio construction.

From 2001 Mr Athukorala was Senior Investment Manager within the Investment Management Division at ipac where he managed portfolios with approximately \$5 billion funds under management. Previously he worked at CSR Australian Superannuation Fund and with GIO Asset Management in roles covering active currency management, LPTs and asset allocation.

AMP Capital's Investment Director Multi-Manager and Investment Solutions Sean Henaghan said the team had grown to 11 investment professionals.

"The addition of Van to the AMP Capital Future Directions Funds team is due to continued growth in the asset class. Our investors will benefit from Van's in-depth experience in international equities," said Mr Henaghan.

Mr Athukorala begins with AMP Capital on Wednesday 12 May and will report to Sean Henaghan.

Meanwhile, AMP Capital FDF Portfolio Manager Tanya Debakhpouve has relocated to AMP Capital's Singapore office after four years with the FDF team in Sydney. Ms Debakhpouve, previously responsible for FDF Australian large and small cap equities and emerging markets, now has a dedicated focus on global emerging equities and Asia (ex-Japan) equities.

Mr Henaghan said the allocation of a dedicated portfolio manager for Asian and emerging market equities was in response to the increasing relevance of these asset classes in investors' portfolios.

The Future Directions Funds (FDF) is AMP Capital's multi-manager investment platform, providing a single access point to a combination of specialist global investment managers and a diverse mix of asset classes. FDF was established in 2001 and is managed by a team supported by more than 200 in-house investment professionals at AMP Capital Investors.

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