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AFMA Appoints Brett Harper as its new Chief Executive Officer

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The Australian Financial Markets Association (AFMA) has announced today that Brett Harper has been appointed as its new Chief Executive Officer, effective from October 11.

Mr Harper has more than 20 years of domestic and international experience in risk management of investment and commercial banking, insurance, and asset management businesses. He joins AFMA from Promontory Australia, where for the last three years he was a Director providing consulting and risk management advisory services.

Prior to that, he has held a number of senior roles including Chief Operating Officer and General Manager of Financial Markets at Anglo Irish Bank (Dublin), Global Head of Traded Market Risk and Business Risk Review at Barclays (London) and Head of Balance Sheet and Market Risk at APRA.

Robert Bedwell, Chair of the AFMA Board, said: "I am delighted that Brett is joining AFMA as our new Chief Executive Officer. He brings a vast amount of experience in wholesale markets with a focus on risk management and regulatory change. This will be critical as AFMA continues its advocacy for public policy and regulation that promote fair, competitive, and efficient markets."

Mr Harper succeeds David Lynch who is retiring from AFMA after 25 years of service, including as its Chief Executive Officer since 2012.

Mr Bedwell added: "On behalf of the AFMA Board and the Association, I would like to thank David for his dedication to the continued development and sound operation of Australia's financial markets during a period of significant change, including global crises and the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Under his leadership, AFMA sharpened the industry's focus on professionalism in practical and effective ways, as illustrated by its successful collaboration with Macquarie University to provide innovative education for AFMA's Accreditation program. David leaves a positive, enduring legacy at AFMA and we wish him all the best for the future."

Notes for Editors:

AFMA promotes efficiency, integrity and professionalism in Australia's financial markets. These markets are an integral feature of the economy and perform the vital function of facilitating the efficient use of capital and management of risk.

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