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GRAHAM BRADLEY APPOINTED HSBC CHAIRMAN

HSBC Bank Australia Limited has announced the appointment of Graham Bradley as chairman, following the retirement of David Say. Mr Bradley joined HSBC's board as a non-executive director in June 2004.

"The board thanks David for his guidance and stewardship over the past nine years," said Stuart Davis, chief executive officer of HSBC in Australia.

"David led the board through HSBC's dynamic growth in Australia— from the development and expansion of our retail operations and branch network, through the acquisition of the NRMA Building Society and State Street Bank's Australian trade finance portfolio."

Graham Bradley has brought more than 30 years' executive management experience in financial services, legal and consulting businesses to HSBC.

Bradley is currently chairman of Film Finance Corporation Australia Limited and a director of Singapore Telecommunications Limited, Stockland Corporation Limited and MBF Australia Limited. He is also chairman of the Garvan Research Foundation and the Sydney Community Foundation.

Previously, Bradley was chief executive officer of Perpetual Trustees. Under his leadership, Perpetual Trustees became one of Australia's leading listed funds management and financial services companies.

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Prior to joining Perpetual, Bradley was national managing partner and chief executive officer of national law firm Blake Dawson Waldron and prior to that a senior partner of McKinsey & Company. Mr Bradley holds a BA, LLB from Sydney University and LLM from Harvard Law School.

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1. HSBC in Australia

In Australia, the HSBC Group offers an extensive range of financial services through a network of 35 branches and offices. These services include personal and commercial financial services, trade finance, non-advisory stockbroking, treasury and financial markets, funds management, investment advisory and securities custody. HSBC is marketed worldwide as 'the world's local bank'.

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