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HSBC WINS INVESTMENT MANDATE FROM AMP CAPITAL INVESTORS

HSBC's Global Investments business in Australia has been awarded a mandate for quantitative fund manager Sinopia to provide global passive inflation-linked bonds to AMP Capital – Future Directions Diversified Funds.

As the specialist quantitative asset management arm of HSBC Global Asset Management, Sinopia manages assets in excess of USD27 billion.

According to Sean Henaghan, AMP Capital Investors Investment Director, International and Future Directions, "The addition of inflation-linked bonds forms part of our long-term strategic asset allocations changes and are part of the ongoing development and diversification of the range.

"Inflation-linked bonds will be included as a component of the fixed interest asset class, and will act as a hedge against inflation while still accessing the returns of the asset class. In the view of the Future Directions team, while we do not necessarily view higher inflation as probable, the recent high levels of global fiscal spending have increased the potential for a higher inflation environment."

According to Charles Genocchio, Head of Global Investments at HSBC Bank Australia, "This mandate is testament to Sinopia's strong position in inflation-linked bond management and its ability to provide innovative investment solutions to clients. Sinopia launched its first inflation-linked bond mutual fund in 2000 and currently manages more than USD1.5 billion in this sub-asset class.

"Sinopia's fixed interest team has been in place since the creation of Sinopia in 1989. The team is headed by Jean-Charles Bertrand, who has 14 years of experience, while Olivier Fouchet, with seven years of experience, is responsible for the day-to-day management of the mandate from Hong Kong.

"This is a good example of how HSBC is leveraging its global competitive advantage here in Australia. We're identifying wealth management strength for the HSBC Group and bringing those products and expertise to meet Australian demand – giving Australian investors access to HSBC's international investment opportunities," Genocchio said.

HSBC Global Investments is the institutional wealth management arm of HSBC Bank Australia, distributing the international asset management capabilities of the HSBC Group to investors in Australia. HSBC Global Investments offers products from HSBC Global Asset Management, including Sinopia (quantitative specialist) and Halbis (active management specialist), as well as HSBC Alternative

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