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### **Suncorp Bank announces new intermediary leadership appointment**

Suncorp Bank has announced the appointment of Ben Whitnall to the role of Intermediary State Manager Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia.

Head of Intermediaries for Suncorp Bank Steven Degetto said the appointment reinforced the Bank's commitment to the broker channel and the continued national growth of its lending business.

"Having an experienced and dedicated intermediary team is vital to us at Suncorp Bank as we continue to expand our business and improve our offering to brokers," Mr Degetto said.

"Recruiting someone of Ben's calibre shows the strength of Suncorp Bank's reputation in the market," he said.

Mr Degetto said Ben will bring with him a wealth of industry knowledge.

"Ben brings extensive intermediaries and strategic sales experience to the role, having worked in in the financial services industry for over 20 years in a variety of sales and management roles," Mr Degetto said.

"Ben spent the past 10 years with Australian Finance Group (AFG), most recently as the National Sales Manager for Equipment Finance and Personal Loans, and has past experience with BMW Financial Services and GE Money."

"Ben will play an important role in our Senior Leadership team, as Suncorp Bank continues to improve our broker proposition by delivering on the things that really matter to brokers; fast, consistent service, expert support and market leading interest rates for sub 80 lending.

Ben Whitnall said he was looking forward to the challenges and rewards that come with joining Australia's leading regional bank.

"There are some exciting prospects ahead for Suncorp Bank, and I look forward to bringing my experience and enthusiasm to the role to provide better, faster and more efficient service and support to our broker partners," he said.

Suncorp Bank is also pleased to announce Paul Vogl has been promoted to State Manager Intermediaries for Western Australia after commencing with the Bank in 2012.

"Paul is an important member of our team and his appointment underlines the Bank's continuing commitment to third party distribution in WA and of our focus to developing and rewarding talent within the Bank", Mr Degetto said.

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