



Mariner Wealth Management appoints chief operating officer

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Experienced consultant lands position

Mariner Wealth Management [ASX: MWM], a 47 per cent-owned subsidiary of Mariner Financial Limited [ASX: MFI], has appointed Matthew Dignum as its chief operating officer.

Matthew brings 10 years' experience as a consultant in the finance industry to the position, having worked on short and long-term contracts for boutique and multinational companies, such as Treasury Group Ltd, JPMorgan Investor Services, AMP Personal Investments, Cogent Investment Operations and Perpetual Fund Services.

His responsibilities have ranged from advising front, middle and back offices for investment managers and stockbrokers, as well as custody administration and operations.

Mr Dignum says his work at Cogent provides a typical example of his role as a consultant, and the industry experiences that it afforded him. "With the start-up of the business in 1996, I was involved with implementing the investment and accounting system, establish accounting controls, providing analytical support to the investment accounting functions and identifying system and processing issues."

"Once the business was up and running, I managed the major transitions of the main master custody clients, including design and implementation of transition procedures. I also set up the coordination and controls required between all parties involved in each transition, including retiring and incoming investment managers."

"The final project required reviewing all investment systems within the business that involved, among other things, consulting the business units to review their processes and provide an outline to the IT and project team."

At Treasury Group, Matthew spent over two years assisting in the establishment of their portfolio of managers which includes Orion Asset Management, Investors Mutual and Confluence Asset Management. During this time Matthew filled the roles of COO of Orion Asset Management and project manager for the initial public offer of Premium Investors, a listed investment company managed by Treasury Group.

Mariner Financial Managing Director Bill Ireland says: "Mr Dignum is an excellent appointment. He combines strong problem-resolving skills with a high-level

commitment to servicing clients. He also boasts communication, man-management and interpersonal skills, while his years in consultancy have given him the flexibility to quickly adjust when projects demand it."

Note to the editors

Established in 2003, Mariner Financial Limited is an Australian-owned financial services company listed on the Australian Stock Exchange [ASX: MFI]. Mariner's primary focus is servicing Australia's growing superannuation market by providing uniquely structured investment and retirement income solutions. It also provides strong branding and marketing, education and technical support, and a dedicated distribution capability to its subsidiary company, Mariner Retirement Solutions [ASX: MRT].

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