



Mariner appoints Kate Anderson as a superannuation and retirement strategist

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- Focuses on meeting demands of new superannuation and retirement environment -

Mariner Financial [ASX: MFI] has appointed Kate Anderson to a newly developed role as its Superannuation and Retirement Strategist, strengthening the group's focus on providing financial solutions to meet the complex and ever-changing superannuation environment.

Bill Ireland, Managing Director Mariner Financial said "The Federal Government's proposed changes to superannuation mean there are now even greater incentives to use superannuation as part of an investment structure for retirement. In fact some of these changes might require investors to examine their strategies and take on the benefit of contributing as much money into super as they can as early as they can. Going forward, Mariner will develop investment products and tailor strategies to suit this changing investment climate."

"Kate has a keen understanding of complex matters involving superannuation, including tax, estate planning, social security and retirement income streams. In this newly created role, Kate will not only work closely with our product development team, to grow and structure the portfolio of investment and retirement products, but also reach out to the market to provide updates on the superannuation and retirement environment," added Mr Ireland.

Kate Anderson, Mariner's Superannuation and Retirement Strategist said "The plans announced in the 2007 Federal budget will make super both simpler and superior in its attractiveness for all taxpayers. Contributing money into super has never been so important. From 1 July 2007, a superannuation benefit paid either as a lump sum or as an income stream, would be tax free for people aged 60 and over. Individuals will also have greater flexibility as to how and when to draw down their super in retirement."

"The biggest challenge in relation to these new proposals is getting on top of them and working out the best possible strategies for individuals to profit from them," she said.

"These proposals present a great opportunity for both investors and financial planners. Mariner has effectively developed superannuation and retirement strategies to take advantage of these proposals and to take them into the new era," said Ms Anderson.

Kate Anderson's job responsibilities also involve addressing technical workshops to educate the financial advisory and accountancy market on changes to superannuation. She is also responsible for the delivery of planning strategies and opportunistic development of new initiatives to align with the ever changing regulatory environment.

Kate Anderson has been with Mariner Financial since 2004 as its Head of Technical Services.

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