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ANZ appoints Alex Thursby from Standard Chartered to lead new Asia-Pacific Division

ANZ today announced the appointment of Mr Alex Thursby to the new role of Group Managing Director Asia-Pacific, reporting to Chief Executive Officer Mr John McFarlane.

The new role will consolidate all ANZ's Asia Pacific businesses and lead the Group's strategic expansion in Asia reflecting the growing importance of the Asia Pacific region to ANZ.

Mr Thursby is currently Senior Managing Director and Group Head of Corporate and Institutional Client Relationships, Wholesale Banking at Standard Chartered Bank in Singapore. Alex joins ANZ after 21 years with Standard Chartered Bank in senior wholesale banking roles in Hong Kong, London, Indonesia, Singapore and the UAE. Alex, who is British by birth, completed his secondary and tertiary education in Australia.

Commenting on the appointment, Mr McFarlane said: "Attracting a person of Alex's standing to ANZ underlines the importance we place on growth in Asia Pacific and in our future in the region. I know Alex well, and have worked with him in the past."

Mr Thursby's appointment follows the significant growth in ANZ's Asian partnerships over the last 18 months under the leadership of Senior Managing Director Bob Edgar.

"Alex's appointment is the logical next step to advance our Asian expansion - to reflect the size and potential of our Asian businesses, to produce value from the growing number of partnerships and better connect them with our Asian country offices, and to build on our dominant position in the Pacific.

"Bob has done an outstanding job in developing our agenda in Asia. Alex's appointment frees Bob up to focus on group strategic matters and to allocate more time to representing the Group on wealth management, and our subsidiary and partnership Boards in Australia, New Zealand and Asia," Mr McFarlane said.

Mr Thursby will join ANZ in the coming months.

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