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VanMac Launches innovative Hedge Fund Platform Concept.

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Sydney : VanMac Group has today made public a wholly innovative approach to the management and administration of hedge fund assets for institutional investors.

The new VanMac Hedge Fund Platform (HFP) allows large portfolios to have a hands-on approach to hedge fund allocation and risk management. The platform is unique in that it allows each client to tailor asset weightings and investment style tilts with various levels of exposure while affording specific unique risk parameters to be incorporated on a client-by-client basis.

VanMac has been able to achieve this by offering clients a flexible, inclusive approach to hedge fund asset allocation, manager selection and risk management, while at the same time using superior systems and manager level transparency never before offered in one solution.

The key to this new service, according to VanMac Group Managing Director Scott A J MacDonald, is that unlike investing in the offshore hedge fund promoters' perception of what a hedge fund of fund should comprise, clients are able to adopt a 'core plus satellite' strategy for the first time in an Australian compliant platform/product.

"The idea is to access an index tracking core approach via Greenwich Alternative Investments LLC, the world-leading hedge fund index tracking provider, and combine this with a cohort of complimentary satellite managers, risk management and gearing as appropriate," he said. "This allows investors to tailor hedge fund style and geographic exposures as desired."

MacDonald went on to explain that this new platform approach will lower costs for institutional investors. Currently these savings will amount to between 50-150 bpts per annum in management fees for the hedge fund component for institutional investors.

Another major advantage for the client of the VanMac HFP will be the use of superior reporting systems provided by Pacific Funds Systems in conjunction with dedicated client administration. Pacific Funds Systems is a leading provider of fund accounting and administration systems that is currently being used by some USD\$200bn in hedge fund assets, globally.

James Eldershaw, co-founder of Pacific Funds Systems said: "Many fund of funds are not designed with specific clients in mind and do not provide the flexibility that VanMac has built into this platform approach."

"The new VanMac Hedge fund platform is a breakthrough for local institutional investors."

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