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Equity Trustees appoints IT head

Mr Ryan Bessemer has joined Equity Trustees Limited (EQT) as head of business systems and information technology.

Mr Bessemer has over 19 years' experience in information technology, in particular in managing and developing security, risk, compliance and IT governance systems, working for a number of listed companies, IT consultancies and software developers. These include Austock Group, Frigrite, consulting firm Volante/Ipex and software developer Software Spectrum International (now Insight Enterprises).

Mr Bessemer holds a graduate associate diploma in business micro computing from Swinburne University, Victoria, and is a Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer and Microsoft Certified Professional.

Mr Robin Burns, managing director of Equity Trustees, said that Mr Bessemer will be responsible for ensuring the continuing upgrading of EQT's technology systems and processes to both support business development and meet regulatory and client needs and expectations.

"Superior use of technology is essential for businesses offering services to other organisations in financial services as well as individual investors, and for helping to achieve maximum efficiency in our business activities.

"Equity Trustees has made significant investment in business systems development over the last few years, and Ryan will play a key role in maintaining the performance of that investment and in implementing a long-term systems and technology plan that will keep the company at the forefront of our industry, for investors and shareholders alike," Mr Burns said.

About Equity Trustees: *Equity Trustees is a publicly listed company that provides a range of financial services to corporate and private clients. Its businesses include funds management, private client wealth management, responsible entity appointments, and corporate and personal superannuation.*

The company manages in excess of \$4 billion across its funds management, private client and superannuation businesses and has in excess of \$14 billion under responsible entity administration.

Equity Trustees employs over 160 people across its Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane offices.

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