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EQT appoints interim CIO

Listed financial services company Equity Trustees Limited (EQT) has appointed George Boubouras as interim chief investment officer.

The appointment is on an interim basis pending the outcome of EQT's takeover offer for The Trust Company (TCU).

Mr Boubouras joins EQT from UBS Wealth Management where he was head of investment strategy and consulting, responsible for research & investments across all asset classes.

Prior to this, Mr Boubouras was with Macquarie Bank and he has also worked with HSBC Asset Management, Challenger Financial Services Group, and Westpac as well as NSW Treasury.

Mr Boubouras holds a bachelor of economics, hons, from Flinders University in Adelaide. He has undertaken further professional development in management and financial services including: an executive certificate in management & leadership from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT); an investment decisions & behavioural finance program at Harvard University; and the Securities & Derivatives Industry Association accreditation (PS146 accreditation).

Robin Burns, managing director of EQT, said that Mr Boubouras's experience and background is particularly appropriate for EQT as it enters a new period of growth and development.

"We have recently put additional focus on our wealth management business, strengthening the management team and adding services that are relevant both for our own clients as well as the broader financial planning industry.

"Adding a CIO with broad funds management experience enhances our capability in an important area," 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, responsible entity appointments, private client wealth management and corporate and personal superannuation.*

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