

News Item

# Expansion of Escala's CIO Team reinforces commitment to Alternative Investments

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Escala Partners (Escala) today announced the expansion of its CIO Team with the appointment of Stephen Dickinson as Investment Analyst. Stephen brings 20 years of alternative investment experience to the team having previously worked at BT Financial Group and prior to that was Head of Research, Asia-Pacific at HSBC Alternative Investments Limited.

At Escala Partners, we believe that alternative investments play an important role in driving risk-adjusted portfolio returns for our clients. This includes having access to a broad range of private markets such as Private Equity, Private Debt, Unlisted Infrastructure and Venture Capital.

Alternative investments low correlation with traditional asset classes means that when blended with mainstream investments they can provide important diversification benefits. They can act like a cushion in times of market volatility and uncertainty. This can help avoid big losses to capital and smooth out portfolio returns over time.

Commenting on the expansion of the team, Tracey McNaughton, Chief Investment Officer, said,

*'Stephen's appointment enhances the alternative investment expertise within the team. His expert knowledge in alternatives and offshore experience will be an asset in helping us provide interesting and innovative ideas that enhance the risk-adjusted returns for our clients.'*



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