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## **COLUMBUS CAPITAL AWARDED FINANCEASIA'S 2019 BEST DEBT FINANCE DEAL**

Columbus Capital is delighted to have received FinanceAsia's award last night for the Best Debt Finance Deal of 2019 in Australia and New Zealand. The award relates to Columbus Capital's world first A\$250 million all non-resident borrower residential mortgage backed security ("RMBS") that was issued in August 1st year.

Columbus Capital's Chief Executive Officer Andrew Chepul said "It is an honour to accept this award on behalf of all those involved in this innovative transaction. We are particularly delighted with the confidence investors continue to show in Columbus Capital and our track record of 14 RMBS issues totalling A\$6.2 billion with no losses to the capital structure to date. Our business continues to grow strongly with a loan portfolio that now exceeds A\$5.5 billion."

In support of Columbus Capital's growth strategy David Carroll and Jean du Plessis have recently joined as Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer respectively.

David has over 30 years of banking and finance experience with 20 years' experience in Australian structured finance. David most recently held a senior analytical role managing the rating process for Australian structured finance transactions at Fitch Ratings.

Jean is a Chartered Accountant with over 20 years' experience in the financial services sector. Jean most recently lead Credit Suisse's investment banking coverage of the financial services sector in Australia and New Zealand.

### **About Columbus Capital**

Columbus Capital is a leading non-bank financial institution specialising in Australian residential mortgage lending, third party loan servicing and trust management. Columbus Capital was included within the 2019 Top 500 Private Companies list created by research house IBISWorld and published annually by The Australian Financial Review. Columbus Capital was founded in 2006 and has a loan portfolio in excess of A\$5.5 billion.

Columbus Capital lends in Australia primarily through the wholesale lending brand Origin Mortgage Management Services which services mortgage managers, and the online retail brand Homestar. Homestar's recent awards include Mozo 2019 Awards' Experts Choice – Low Cost Home Loan and Canstar 2019 Awards' Outstanding Value – Home Lender.

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