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AMP board changes

AMP Limited Chairman Catherine Brenner today announced that Mr Michael Wilkins and Mr Peter Varghese AO will both join the AMP Limited Board as non-executive Directors, effective 12 September 2016 and 1 October 2016 respectively.

Mr Wilkins brings significant knowledge of the financial services and prudentially regulated sectors and is the former Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Insurance Australia Group Limited. With more than 30 years of experience in financial services in Australia and Asia, he has experience across executive and non-executive roles including being Managing Director and CEO of Promina Group Limited, Managing Director of Tyndall Australia Limited, and a non-executive Director of Maple-Brown Abbott Limited and Alinta Limited.

Mr Wilkins holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of New South Wales and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Sydney.

Mr Varghese has extensive experience in facilitating trade and international partnerships during his distinguished career in the public service over 38 years, including senior positions in foreign affairs, trade policy and intelligence. In July he became the Chancellor of the University of Queensland.

Mr Varghese recently retired as the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and his previous senior appointments include High Commissioner to India, High Commissioner to Malaysia, Director-General of the Office of National Assessments, and Senior Advisor (International) to the Prime Minister of Australia. He also was a member of the Australia-China High Level Dialogue and was the Minister (Political) at the Australian Embassy in Japan.

He was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2010 for distinguished service to public administration. Mr Varghese holds a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) and is a recipient of an Honorary Doctorate of Letters, both from the University of Queensland.

Mr Wilkins' and Mr Varghese's biographies are attached. 

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Michael Wilkins' biography

Michael Wilkins is the former Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Insurance Australia Group Limited, with more than 30 years of experience in financial services in Australia and Asia. His previous executive and non-executive roles include the Managing Director and CEO of Promina Group Limited, Managing Director of Tyndall Australia Limited, and a non-executive Director of Maple-Brown Abbott Limited and Alinta Limited.

Mr Wilkins holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of New South Wales and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Sydney. He is a Fellow, Australian Institute of Company Directors and a Fellow, Chartered Accountants Australia + New Zealand.

Peter Varghese's biography

Peter Varghese AO is the Chancellor of the University of Queensland following an extensive career in the public service over 38 years, including senior positions in foreign affairs, trade policy and intelligence.

Mr Varghese recently retired as the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and his previous senior appointments include High Commissioner to India, High Commissioner to Malaysia, Director-General of the Office of National Assessments, and Senior Advisor (International) to the Prime Minister of Australia. He also was a member of the Australia-China High Level Dialogue and was the Minister (Political) at the Australian Embassy in Japan.

He was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2010 for distinguished service to public administration.

Mr Varghese holds a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) from the University of Queensland, was a University medallist in history and was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Letters from the University of Queensland in recognition of his distinguished service to diplomacy and the Australian Public Service.