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HESTA appoints General Manager – Quantitative Solutions & Risk

HESTA has announced the appointment of Dr Michael Kollo as the Fund's General Manager – Quantitative Solutions & Risk.

HESTA Chief Investment Officer, Sonya Sawtell-Rickson, said this is a new role in the Fund's Investment Management team, further building on the Fund's internal investment capabilities.

"Michael brings extensive knowledge and experience in quantitative techniques that can enhance our investment process and is at the leading edge of big data innovations," Ms Sawtell-Rickson said.

The appointment of Dr Kollo is the latest step in the implementation of a five-year Investment Strategy Review that aims to set up the Fund's investment team for future success.

"Michael will help us to leverage large and varied data sets, use econometric and machine learning techniques that will support us to continue delivering strong investment returns for members in the future," Ms Sawtell Rickson said.

Before joining HESTA, Dr Kollo was the Chief Quantitative Strategist and Deputy Head of Research at Rosenberg Equities, AXA Investment Managers. He previously held roles as Head of Emerging Market Quantitative Research and Portfolio Manager at Renaissance Asset Managers, Quantitative Portfolio Manager at Fidelity International, and was a PhD Associate at Blackrock.

Dr Kollo holds a PhD in Finance from the London School of Economics, a Master's in Finance and a Bachelor of Commerce from University of New South Wales.

"I am excited to be joining HESTA to help shape and deliver the transformation of the Fund's investment capability so we can continue to deliver strong investment performance for members" Dr Kollo said.

Dr Kollo will start his new role on 30 July 2018.

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