

First State Investments to rebrand to First Sentier Investors

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Leading global investment manager, First State Investments, has announced it will operate globally under the new brand, First Sentier Investors, from September 2020.

The name change comes as part of a global re-brand, following the acquisition of First State Investments in August 2019 by Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking Corporation (MUTB), a wholly owned subsidiary of Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc. (MUFG), from Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA).

First State Investments will move to First Sentier Investors across all global markets, with a final transition date scheduled for 22 September 2020. The business already operates as First Sentier Investors in Australia, where it was formerly known as Colonial First State Global Asset Management.

Since the acquisition by MUTB, First State Investments has operated as a standalone business, managing more than US\$145 billion on behalf of an international client base that extends across Asia, Australasia, Europe and North America. It offers a comprehensive suite of active investment capabilities across global and regional equities, cash and fixed income, infrastructure, and multi-asset solutions, all with a shared purpose to deliver sustainable investment success.

There will be no change to the business's investment teams or investment process as a result of the rebrand programme. First State Investments is the home of investment teams Stewart Investors, FSSA Investment Managers and Realindex and these teams will continue to operate under their current brand names.

First Sentier Investors' Chief Executive Officer, Mark Steinberg said, "The name change reflects our desire to be a unified global business. The name First Sentier Investors reflects our heritage and ongoing purpose. 'First' references our strong and successful heritage as First State Investments, while the word 'Sentier' means path - which reflects our commitment to creating our own way forward, thinking about the future and investing responsibly over the long term for the benefit of our clients and the communities in which we invest."

First Sentier Investors' Global Director of Corporate Development and Managing Director, EMEA, Chris Turpin added, "We are a global business so it makes sense that we have a global brand name. This is a very positive step forward that enables us to operate under a consistent brand name around the world as we continue to support our global client base. We will continue to offer a comprehensive suite of active investment capabilities across asset classes. All our investment teams – whether in-house or individually branded – will continue to operate with discrete investment autonomy and with the shared purpose of delivering sustainable investment returns for our clients".

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About First State Investments:

First State Investments are stewards of over US\$145 billion (as at 30 June 2020) in assets managed on behalf of a client base that extends across Asia, Australasia, Europe and North America.

With expertise across a range of asset classes and specialist investment sectors, our approach to investment is driven by a commitment to provide the best possible outcomes over the long term for our investors. To achieve this, we ensure our interests are aligned with our investors and uphold a culture of consistently acting in our clients' best interests.

In Australia, First State operates as First Sentier Investors, having rebranded from Colonial First State Global Asset Management on 16 September 2019. First State operates as a standalone business owned and overseen by the Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking Corporation (MUTB), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc.

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