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Natalie Alford to head Equip's Governance and Risk

Equip has appointed Natalie Alford as Executive Officer, Governance and Risk, a role which will lead the fund's governance, risk, legal and company secretarial functions.

She joins the fund from industry regulator, APRA, where she was a Manager in the Specialised Institutions Division, leading analysts in the prudential supervision and risk assessment of large and complex industry funds.

Equip Chief Executive Officer, Nick Vamvakas said the fund was extremely pleased to have attracted a candidate of Ms Alford's calibre and reputation.

"Natalie brings a deep and comprehensive understanding of the superannuation industry and regulatory environment. She has an outstanding capability and reputation for cultivating and maintaining relationships at executive and board level and has specialised in building and leading multi-functional teams.

"Her unique and contemporary skills and experience will bring new perspectives and insights to our executive and board thinking about strategies for success within the increasingly complex superannuation sector," he said.

Ms Alford said that she was keen to work in a fund with clear ambitions to grow for the benefit of its members and employers.

Equip's recent merger and its benefits to members illustrated the importance of the board's role and responsibility in ensuring the fund achieved and maintained sufficient scale to deliver better retirement security for its members.

"Equip has also demonstrated its determination to be an industry leader in governance. Its recent transition to a one-third independent director model was an important step towards this and ensures that we have the right diversity of skills and experience to lead the fund into the future," she said.

Ms Alford's qualifications include a Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours) from Bond University, a Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice from the College of Law in Melbourne and Master of Applied Finance from Macquarie University.

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