

## Maple-Brown Abbott Global Listed Infrastructure expands with two new hires

## - For immediate release -

Maple-Brown Abbott Global Listed Infrastructure ("MBA GLI"), a business that was started in 2012 by its Principals and Maple-Brown Abbott, has expanded the team with the creation of two new roles.

Georgia Hall has been appointed as ESG analyst and Gitendra Pradhananga has joined as senior research associate.

Ms Hall is an ESG specialist with over ten years' experience in financial services. She was most recently senior manager, ESG & Corporate Responsibility, at the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. Ms Hall has also worked at AMP Capital, Ironbark Asset Management based in Australia, and Wellington Management and Schroders, both of these in the UK. She is currently completing a Masters of Environmental & Human Rights Law LLM at the University of NSW and has completed a number of post-graduate industry courses on climate change risk, impact investing and sustainability including from the CFA Institute and the United Nations University.

*Mr Pradhananga* joins the firm from Allan Gray Australia, where he was an investment analyst for over two years. In addition, he has over seven years' engineering experience. Mr Pradhananga holds a Master of Science and a Bachelor of Engineering (First Class Honours), both from the University of NSW.

Andrew Maple-Brown, Co-Founder and Managing Director of MBA GLI, said the appointments reflect the growth in the business as well as the increasing focus on ESG considerations.

"ESG has always played an important role in the MBA GLI investment process and Georgia's appointment will allow us to further expand our capabilities, reflecting the importance we believe that ESG factors have in long-dated assets like infrastructure.

"Georgia will be working to enhance the MBA GLI investment process across our research team, increase our company engagement, manage ESG reporting and further develop ESG insights.

"Gitendra's appointment provides further support for our research and analysis of the transportation infrastructure sector, where he will work with Co-Founder and Portfolio Manager Steven Kempler in conducting detailed stock research. His role will also further develop the depth and capability of our research team overall," Mr Maple-Brown said.

The new roles follow the appointment of Emma Pringle who joined Maple-Brown Abbott earlier this month, providing maternity cover for Natasha McKean. Ms Pringle will focus on ESG requirements within the Australian and Asian equities strategies, as well as the Maple-Brown Abbott's overall ESG strategy including its obligations as a signatory of the United Nations Principles of Responsible Investing (UNPRI).



## About Maple-Brown Abbott Global Listed Infrastructure Pty Ltd

Maple-Brown Abbott Global Listed Infrastructure (MBA GLI) was founded in 2012 in conjunction with Maple-Brown Abbott, an Australian boutique investment management firm. MBA GLI is majority owned by its co-founders and today manages over AUD5bn for clients across North America, Europe, the Middle East and Asia Pacific regions, focussing on concentrated portfolios of listed infrastructure securities that exhibit core infrastructure characteristics. The team has extensive infrastructure and asset management experience, including the co-founders working together for a number of years before starting the strategy at MBA.

Maple-Brown Abbott (MBA) has been managing investment portfolios for institutional investors for over 35 years. MBA is privately owned, with approximately 60 staff based in Sydney and one in Brisbane. As at 31 May 2020, MBA had A\$10.8 billion in assets under management across Australian equities, Asian equities and the listed infrastructure strategy.

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