



EDISON INVESTMENT RESEARCH LAUNCHES IN AUSTRALIA

Edison Investment Research, a leading international investment research company, is delighted to announce the opening of an office in Sydney, Australia. Edison already has more than 20 Australian clients and expects to grow across all sectors.

Edison's Australian business is headed up by Haran Siva. Haran has more than 15 years' experience in banking and professional services. Before joining Edison, Haran worked at BNP Paribas in capital markets and structured finance. Previous to this he worked at Deloitte where he built a specialist advisory team within financial services. He qualified as a chartered accountant at PwC.

Haran and his team will continue to work closely with the specialist teams in London as well as building a team of local analysts.

"We are delighted to be opening an office in Sydney, building on our existing presence in the Australian market where we already work with more than 20 quoted companies. Australia represents a fantastic opportunity for Edison to cover not only companies looking to reach local investors but also those that want to reach further afield to Asian, European and North American investors. Haran is a first class individual with a deep understanding of the financial markets and he is ideally suited to help us to replicate the success we have had in Europe with a growing Australian client base."

Fraser Thorne, Managing Director

"I am very excited to be heading Edison's expansion in Australia. Edison has an outstanding track record in covering over 350 companies globally and is recognised as a leading international investment research provider. Edison is well placed in Australia to provide significant value in research coverage to companies, investors and advisers with its high quality research, strong brand and global distribution model. I look forward to being a part of its success."

Haran Siva, Director, Australia

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About Edison Investment Research

Edison Investment Research is an international market leader that provides a range of research and IR services to over 300 corporate clients. Its clients trade on 26 global stock exchanges and its research is read in more than 100 countries.

About Edison's Services

Research Service

Edison delivers insightful and financially rigorous research aimed at improving visibility and widening investor understanding for all companies, regardless of size or stock market listing. Edison's research on client companies covers the business model and strategy, and includes financial forecasts, equity valuation and key sensitivities.

Investor Access Service

Edison Investor Access is able to undertake detailed analysis of the readership of company-specific research and also to benchmark it against investor interest in peer companies to help identify those investors that ought to be taking an interest. EIA helps to effect investor introductions, working closely with other advisers.