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HOSTPLUS

Head of Private Equity

Neil Stanford is the Head of Private Equity at Hostplus, the national superannuation fund serving the hospitality, tourism, recreation, sporting and related industries in Australia. Hostplus is one of Australia's largest superannuation funds with over \$42B in assets, 1.2 million members and 180 thousand employees.

Neil joined Hostplus in mid-2014 and leads its investment initiative across Private Equity and Venture Capital. He also leads the Fund's \$350M pool of capital for direct Private Equity co-investments into portfolio companies.

Over the last four years, the Private Equity asset class has become a significant factor in the performance of the Fund, as it has become a more strategic and proactive investor.

Prior to joining Hostplus, Neil was a Consultant at JANA Investment Advisors for 6 years where he had a range of consulting and research responsibilities, with a particular focus on Private Equity.

Prior to that, Neil was with Russell Investments in a broad Private Markets role covering Private Equity, Infrastructure and Hedge Fund assets and strategies. Neil also held a number of IT and Engineering roles for 10 years prior to a career in finance and superannuation.

Neil holds a Bachelor of Engineering and an