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Former NAB banker Andrew McCasker heads to CBRE debt division



Former NAB banker Andrew McCasker will head up CBRE's debt division. Supplied



by **Matthew Cranston**

Former NAB banker and chief executive of Andrew Roberts' mortgage lending business Andrew McCasker has been appointed to triple the loan book of CBRE's rapidly growing debt and structured finance division as the gap left open by Australia's major banks grows.

Mr McCasker said the success of CBRE's debt and structured finance division in the US and UK was evident in the completion of more than \$US39.4 billion in loan origination and loan sales this year alone and that growth would be replicated in Australia.

The Australian division currently has a book of \$1.65 billion across 29 loans.

"We want to make the business two to three times bigger within 18 months," Mr McCasker said, "And this will come not just through origination but servicing as well.

"The banks in Australia are getting a lot of pressure from APRA to ensure they comply with credit exposure limits and some of the Basel rules are making some of the debt deals more expensive for the banks to do," he said.

Mr McCasker, a prolific and respected deal maker when heading NAB's property finance business in Queensland, has been the running RF Eclipse – a Sydney-based mortgage fund acquired by Mr Roberts' RF Capital.

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CBRE executive managing director for investor services Mark Granter said Mr McCasker's appointment would provide significant opportunity to drive growth of the firm's debt platform in the Pacific.

"With strong connections in both the Australian and south-east Asian property finance and lending sector, Andrew has extensive experience and market intel that will help grow our existing loan servicing portfolio," Mr Granter said.

Mr McCasker also served as NAB's general manager for private banking in Asia.

"Andrew's appointment comes during a time of major opportunity in the Pacific debt and lending market, with pullback from the major banks and institutions providing significant scope for growth in the non-banking finance sector."



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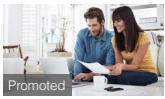


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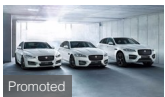


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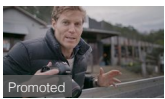
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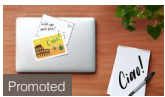
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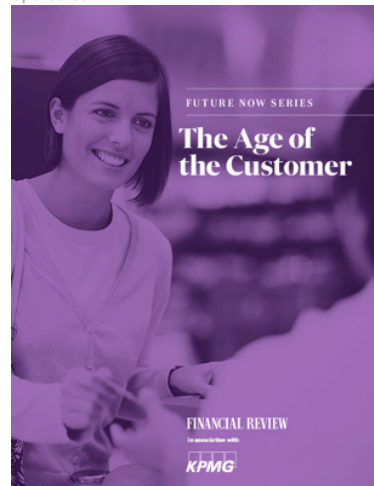
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