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Media Release

Asteron Life New Zealand announces Board and Leadership Team appointments

- Appointments endorse strong leadership and governance of Asteron Life
- Continued focus on policyholders, people and advisers and providing market leading products

Asteron Life is pleased to announce key appointments to its Board and Leadership Team following the recent acquisition by Resolution Life Australasia.

As announced in [February 2025](#), Asteron Life will be led by Grant Willis as Chief Executive Officer - Asteron Life New Zealand and the business will be overseen by the Asteron Life Board, chaired by Simon Tyler. The Board will comprise of Independent Directors Rachel Walsh and Julia Raue as well as Directors Tim Tez and Keith Taylor.

Key additional appointments to the Leadership Team include Kristy Redfern as Chief Risk Officer, Stefan Azzopardi as Chief Financial Officer and Catherine Henshall as Appointed Actuary.

- **Kristy Redfern** joined Asteron Life in February 2025 as Chief Risk Officer. Kristy brings extensive legal and corporate services experience across Australia, New Zealand and London and most recently held the position of General Counsel and Company Secretary for AIA Australia.
- **Stefan Azzopardi** will join as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Asteron Life in March 2025. Stefan is an accomplished senior executive with deep domestic and international experience through C-suite positions. His most recent role was CEO of Donaldson Brown Insurance Brokers and prior to that Chief Finance and Risk Officer at Southern Cross Health Society.
- **Catherine Henshall** has been appointed as Appointed Actuary.

Scott Jensen has also been appointed as Acting Executive Manager, Claims and Customer Solutions pending a recruitment process commencing for the permanent role. Scott has deep claims experience with the team and has been in senior claims roles with Asteron Life for nearly five years.

Simon Tyler, Asteron Life Chair, commented:

“These appointments provide Asteron Life with a robust governance structure and a strong management team to lead the business through this exciting new phase and continue to deliver its strategic growth agenda.”

Grant Willis, Chief Executive Officer Asteron Life New Zealand, commented:

“Kristy, Stefan and Catherine bring a wealth of experience that will bolster the strength and expertise of our existing leadership team, and it is great to see Scott step up to the acting role. I am very much looking forward to their input as we continue to grow our incredible business and transition into one of New Zealand’s largest life insurance businesses.

“Our focus remains on our policyholders, people and strong adviser relationships as we progress our integration. We remain committed to providing them with market leading products and services.”

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In New Zealand, Resolution Life NZ is an incorporated company that has been licensed by the Reserve Bank of New Zealand to carry out insurance business in the country.

For more information on Resolution Life Australasia, visit www.resolutionlife.com.au

About Asteron Life New Zealand

Asteron Life is a well-established and highly respected life insurer in New Zealand.

Asteron Life provides a range of life, trauma, income protection, total and permanent disability, and business cover to the New Zealand market. Its products are predominantly retail, sold through financial advisers as well as direct and group business.

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