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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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# **LAVAN APPOINTS CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER**

Lavan is pleased to announce the appointment of Mario Pisano as chief operations officer. Mario is a senior executive with over 25 years of finance, strategy, commercial and client management experience.

Mario will report to managing partner Dean Hely and work closely with the Lavan partners and management team. As chief operations officer, Mario will be responsible for supporting the operational aspects of the firm and the implementation of the firm strategy.

“Mario is very highly regarded. His operational and strategic experience is exceptional and he will provide valuable organisational support to advance Lavan’s commitment to service excellence and to our growth strategy,” said Dean Hely.

Mario formerly held senior executive positions with some of Australia’s leading companies including chief financial officer at Peet Limited, general manager finance on the North West Shelf Joint Venture and corporate planning manager at Woodside Petroleum Limited. More recently, Mario was general manager of the leading independent environmental consultancy firm, Emission Assessments Pty Ltd.

Prior to Woodside, Mario worked with Accenture in Perth and in Melbourne and held senior positions with Grant Thornton and Horwath Perth Chartered Accountants.

Commenting on his appointment, Mario said: “I am excited to be joining Lavan. I look forward to working with this innovative and independent law firm to help deliver their objectives for service excellence, client focus, growth, employee satisfaction and commitment to the Western Australian community.”

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### **About Lavan**

Lavan is an independent Western Australian law firm. We have a 120-year history in Western Australia under the names MG Lavan, Lavan & Walsh, Lavan Solomon, Phillips Fox Perth, Lavan Legal and Lavan.

Lavan is a full service firm with 26 partners. We provide legal advice in banking and finance, construction and infrastructure, corporate and commercial law, corporate disputes, cyber and data

#### **A full service Western Australian firm:**

Asian Investment  
Banking & Finance  
Construction & Infrastructure  
Corporate, Commercial & Tax

Employment & Safety  
Family Law  
Insolvency & Reconstruction  
Intellectual Property

Liquor Licensing  
Litigation & Dispute Resolution  
Media & Defamation  
Planning & Environment

Private Wealth  
Property & Leasing  
Wills & Estates

#### **Our values:**

Commitment  
Integrity

protection, employment and safety, energy and infrastructure, family law, insolvency and reconstruction, intellectual property and technology, liquor and hospitality, litigation and dispute resolution, media and defamation, mining and resources, oil and gas, planning and environment, property and leasing, tax, tourism and sport and wills and estates. Our litigation team is one of the largest in Western Australia.

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