# **SHAREHOLDER** REVIEW 2018 For the year ended 30 June 2018 Centrepoint Alliance Limited CENTREPSINT and its Controlled Entities ABN 72 052 507 507

# Partnering for growth

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# **FY18 IN SUMMARY**



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4%

increase in EBITDA\* from pcp to

\$5.5m



<u>🕝 18</u>

increase in cashflow from pcp to

\$6.4m



(\$6.4m)

in one off adjustments



80%

overall employee satisfaction



50/50

gender balance in management team



quality advice firms recruited





(\$6.3m)

statutory loss after tax



increase in FUMA from pcp to \$4.1b





increase from pcp and above industry average



launched



# **Finalist**

in CoreData Licensee of the Year awards



Neos Life

launched June 2018



# CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE



Alan Fisher
Chairman

"The focus on quality client outcomes has differentiated Centrepoint from traditional, and typically institutional, competitors and is increasingly attracting likeminded advisers and brokers."

Welcome to Centrepoint's first annual review, which brings together our financial performance reports along with the broader strategy about how we provide value to our stakeholders and the Centrepoint community.

Centrepoint Alliance Limited ('Centrepoint' or the 'Company') core operations has delivered steady growth during the financial year ended 30 June 2018 ('FY18') whilst entering a period of transition due to a new strategic direction driven by market and regulatory forces. It is well positioned to benefit from the disruption occurring in the financial services industry.

The year has been one of change for Centrepoint, with the commencement of the new CEO, Angus Benbow, in April 2018. During this period of leadership changeover, and with the challenges that an industry wide Royal Commission brings, Centrepoint has continued to sustain organic growth, meet customers' needs and assist financial advisers and brokers to operate efficient and profitable businesses.

We are pleased to announce a 4% increase in EBITDA for FY18 of \$5.5m (excluding one-off adjustments). The one-off adjustments included in the result related to legacy claims, restructuring the business and regulatory costs largely associated with the impacts of the Royal Commission.

The one-off items and a reassessment of the deferred tax assets has resulted in a net loss after tax of \$6.3m (FY17: \$0.1m).

Given the current market uncertainty, the Board felt it was the responsible decision to not pay a final dividend as we normally would in line with our dividend policy of paying 50-80% of net profit after tax.

During the year, organisational capability has improved within the business and this is further evidenced



by strong employee engagement and adviser satisfaction scores. The focus on quality client outcomes has differentiated Centrepoint from traditional, and typically institutional, competitors and is increasingly attracting like-minded advisers and brokers.

Centrepoint will be well placed to take advantage of the industry disruption in the wealth management market and is using technology to simplify the adviser and client experience. This should enable Centrepoint to attract quality advice businesses and enhance shareholder value.

We remain focused on assessing acquisition opportunities that fit strategically and can generate shareholder value and we look forward to continuing to drive improvements across all areas of our business and improve the experience for our advisers and their clients.

Thank you to our employees, advisers, clients and business partners, and you, our shareholders, for your continued support as we strive to transition to a new service model powered through data and insight.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Fisher Chairman



## **Q&A WITH THE CEO**



**Angus Benbow**Chief Executive Officer

"Over the next 12 months, Centrepoint will put the focus back on the core advice business and transition to an advice and business services organisation where the needs of our advisers are at the heart of everything we do."

Angus Benbow joined Centrepoint in April 2018. We ask him what his key priorities have been since he joined the company and what the future holds for the organisation.

### Angus, since joining in April, what has your key focus been?

My key focus has been in three areas.

First, has been to meet the people who make up the Centrepoint community and ask them for their thoughts on the future of the group and what their view is as to the opportunities ahead. I have engaged with as many advisers as possible along with spending time with staff, our shareholders, and partners in the industry.

Second, has been to lift the hood on the Centrepoint business and question everything from a fresh perspective, this has involved some challenging conversations.

Third, a macro examination and look ahead to what the future of Centrepoint might look like in three to five years. Given the challenges presently facing the industry this has required some extensive time and consideration.

### Can you tell us a bit more about what this has involved?

We combined the second two points above into a comprehensive program of work called the Strategic Refresh. Through this work we engaged all Centrepoint staff in a renewal of our business. This was an exciting piece of work to be part of and the Executive Team and Board have been actively engaged reviewing and challenging the work of the broader team.



Key outcomes already have seen a new Centrepoint strategy that re-sets our focus on the core of our business, as a provider of advice and business services to self-employed advisers. As a result of the strategy, a new organisation structure has been put in place to better align our teams to the core business and a portfolio review has been conducted to ensure focus is maintained in the right areas of future market opportunity for the group.

### What is Centrepoint's strategy for this financial year?

Over the next 12 months, Centrepoint will put the focus back on the core advice business and will transition to an advice and business services organisation where the needs of our advisers are at the heart of everything we do.

Centrepoint's strategy will service advisers' needs as both financial advisers and small business owners. Our focus will be to solve these two categories of problems for financial advice businesses, while transitioning to a new service model powered through data and insight.

### How will the new strategy impact your business model?

The industry is going through fundamental changes, which is seeing significant disruption to existing business models and the role of the large incumbents. Centrepoint's new business model is principle led, but at its core we aspire to be a business led through transparency and data. Our principles are:

- Solving advisers' problems through expertise, insight and scale benefits
- Standalone adviser community, not controlled by a product manufacturer
- Harnessing data to generate insights and create network effect
- Underpinned by a service culture of trust, transparency and quality advice

### What are the priorities for this financial year?

We have three clear priorities to focus on.

- 1. Optimise Centrepoint has a strong core business, with solid cash flows and a strong community of advisers. We will optimise and improve on what we do. This involves improving our service to existing advisers and strengthening the core enablers of the business.
- 2. Recreate As we leverage the strength in the core business we will build a new service offer orientated around advice and business services, underpinned and powered through data.
- 3. Grow Centrepoint continues to be an attractive proposition for like-minded advisers, and we have seen strong growth in adviser numbers, and we will continue to pursue growth opportunities as we reposition the business.



### Is there anything else you wanted to share with our shareholders?

It is an exciting time to be at the helm of an organisation like Centrepoint, with our unique market positioning and the strength of our community behind us.

That's not to say that the road ahead won't have its challenges. We know it will. But I believe this organisation has an important role to play in shaping the future of financial advice and I'm looking forward to going on this journey together.

To all our employees, advisers, clients, partners and shareholders - thank you for your ongoing support and hard work.

**Angus Benbow** 

Chief Executive Officer





# THE HISTORY OF CENTREPOINT

#### **Our Story**

Our story starts over 25 years ago when Alliance Finance Corporation Limited was founded in Western Australia in 1991. The company specialised in insurance premium funding and equipment finance. It grew rapidly, quickly establishing a national footprint. In June 2002, it was listed on the Australian Securities Exchange Limited (ASX).

In 2005, Alliance Finance Corporation Limited merged with Centrepoint Finance Pty Ltd to form Centrepoint Alliance Limited. The merged group specialised in finance broking, asset finance and insurance premium funding.

In December 2010 the company acquired 100% of Professional Investment Holdings Limited through a scheme of arrangement.

#### 1991

#### **FOUNDED**

Alliance Finance Corporation Limited founded in Western Australia.

Specialises in insurance premium funding.

2002 (ASX)

Listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX).

National footprint established

2005

Merge with Centrepoint

Finance Pty Ltd to form Centrepoint Alliance Limited.

Specialises in finance broking, asset financing and insurance premium funding.

2008

SALE

Sale of commercial finance arm.



Professional Investment Holdings was one of the largest financial advice networks in Australia and encompassed licensee services, research, funds management operations, administration platform services, lending and financing services.

On 30 December 2016, the insurance premium funding business was sold to BOQ Finance (Aust) Limited allowing Centrepoint to focus on wealth management and continue to be one of Australia's leading financial services businesses.

In April 2018, Angus Benbow joined the organisation as Chief Executive Officer. Soon after, Angus launched a strategy to make Centrepoint an advice and business services organisation, focused on solving the needs of financial advice businesses both as a financial adviser and a small business owner.

#### 2010

#### ACQUIRE

Acquires 100% of Professional Investment Holdings through a scheme of arrangement.

Professional Investment Holdings encompassed licensee services, research, funds management operations, administration platform services, lending and financing services. 2016

#### DIVEST

The insurance premium funding business is sold to BOQ Finance (Aust) Limited.

Focus on wealth management.

2018

#### ANGUS BENBOW

#### joins as Chief Executive Officer.

Advice and business services organisation that specialises in solving the needs of financial advice businesses both as a financial adviser and a small business owner.



# CENTREPOINT'S MARKET POSITION

### Centrepoint is well positioned in an industry that remains very attractive for long-term growth.

As regulatory, technology and consumer driven change occurs, Centrepoint is well positioned to realise opportunities that emerge from the disruption occurring across the financial services industry. This is driven by:

- \* An underlying need for advice with 3 million Australians intending to use an adviser within two years.
- \* A shift in adviser business models with a surge in self-licensing and a move away from the 'big six'.
- \* Generational transition of advisers with up to a third of advisers potentially exiting the industry within five years.

#### **Product manufacturer owned**





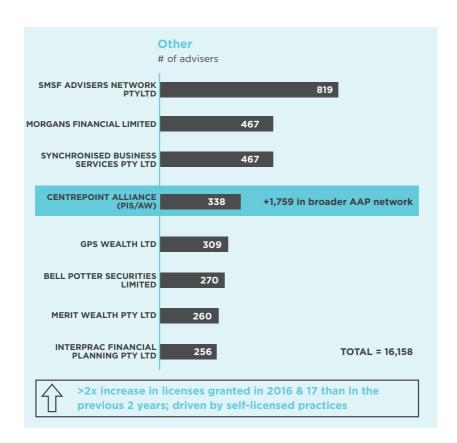
10% decline in advisers at the 'big six' in the 12 months to July 2018

Note: Big six refers to the four major banks and AMP and IOOF



### Our stand-alone community of advisers, free from the control of product manufacturers, is a strength unique to our organisation.

Combined with our scale and existing footprint in the self-licensed market, Centrepoint is well positioned to take advantage of the disruption occurring.





# CENTREPOINT'S BUSINESS PORTFOLIO



#### **Licensee Solutions**

Our Licensee Solutions division supports self-licensed advisers to maintain their freedom through tailored services, power in community and strength in numbers.

Through Associated Advisory Practices Pty Ltd (AAP), we currently have a relationship or provide services to more than 1,750 advisers working in selflicensed firms



#### **Financial Advice**

Backed by our licences, we provide the support, services and knowledge to help advisers meet the needs of their clients and grow their business.

Under our licenses, Professional Investment Services Pty Ltd (PIS) and Alliance Wealth Pty Ltd (AW), Centrepoint is home to more than 300 authorised advisers



#### **Investment Solutions**

World class investment managers and platforms that help advisers protect and manage their clients' investments.

As an early adopter of managed accounts, our investment solutions provide advisers with efficient investment products and services.



#### **Lending Solutions**

An aggregator of mortgage and asset finance solutions, Lending Solutions primarily services the needs of advice businesses and offers lending services to financial planning clients.

Under our credit license, Centrepoint Alliance Lending Pty Ltd (CALP), we have 162 authorised credit representatives.





#### Licensee and **Financial Advice** businesses

provide advisers with the choice to operate outside of the large institutions



Finalist in CoreData Licensee of the

The market is attractive with over \$2.6 trillion

in superannuation assets1 expected to continue to grow over the next

20 years

**37** Quality advice firms recruited in FY18

Services segment gross profit in FY18 was **\$23.3m** and EBITDA was **\$3.3m**<sup>2</sup>

Licensee and Advice

**Funds Management** and Administration segment gross profit **\$8.5m** and EBITDA was \$4.1m<sup>2</sup>



of funds under management and administration

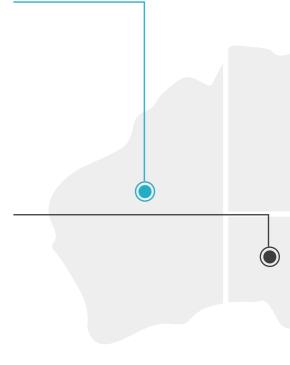
<sup>1</sup> APRA Quarterly Superannuation Performance - March 2018



# CENTREPOINT'S ADVICE NETWORKS

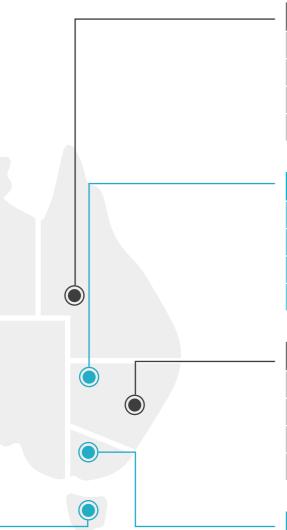
127 (WA)	
Self Licensed	85
Corp-Licensed	36
Salaried	0
Mortgage brokers	6

183 (SA)	
Self Licensed	135
Corp-Licensed	35
Salaried	0
Mortgage brokers	13



24 (TAS)	
Self Licensed	7
Corp-Licensed	17
Salaried	0
Mortgage brokers	0





776 (QLD)	
Self Licensed	576
Corp-Licensed	129
Salaried	2
Mortgage brokers	69

538 (NSW)	
Self Licensed	420
Corp-Licensed	67
Salaried	3
Mortgage brokers	48

<b>12</b> (ACT)	
Self Licensed	6
Corp-Licensed	0
Salaried	0
Mortgage brokers	6

604 (VIC)	
Self Licensed	530
Corp-Licensed	54
Salaried	0
Mortgage brokers	20



# CENTREPOINT'S FINANCIAL POSITION

#### FY18 financial results

Centrepoint saw a 4% increase in EBITDA to \$5.5 million from continuing operations (excluding one-off adjustments) for FY18.

This was underpinned by an 18% increase in operating cash flow to \$6.4 million, which is pleasing given the challenging and uncertain industry backdrop. A net loss after tax of \$6.3 million was also reported due to several one-off items including legacy claims, restructure costs, the impacts from the Royal Commission and a change to the deferred tax asset.

	Total		
\$m	FY16	FY17	FY18
Revenue	116.5	129.4	123.2
Adviser fees and commissions	(84.5)	(97.1)	(90.9)
Gross Profit	32.0	32.3	32.3
Management Expenses	(27.5)	(27.0)	(26.8)
EBITDA core continuing operations	4.5	5.3	5.5
Cost to income ratio	86%	84%	83%
Legacy claims	-	(4.0)	(5.4)
Other one-offs	-	-	(1.0)
Depreciation, amortisation, impairment	(2.1)	(1.1)	(1.7)
Profit/(loss) before tax continuing operations	2.4	0.2	(2.6)
Tax	0.4	(0.3)	(3.7)
Profit after tax from discontinued operations (premium funding)	1.5	6.6	-
Net profit/(loss) after tax	4.3	6.5	(6.3)



#### **One-off adjustments**

An impairment and change to the Deferred Tax Asset to reflect the outlook and implementation of the new strategic direction.

Legacy Claims relate to advice given prior to 1 July 2010. Costs associated with replacing the CEO, the restructure of the business, and one-off costs associated with reviewing and updating the strategy were also incurred. The Group was also impacted by costs associated with responding to and actioning issues arising from the Royal Commission.

EBTIDA excluding One-Off's	\$5.5m
One-Off's	
Legacy Claims	(\$5.4m)
Restructure Costs	(\$0.3m)
Royal Commission	(\$0.7m)
RFE impairment	(\$0.9m)
Reduction in Deferred Tax Asset	(\$4.5m)
Total One-off adjustments	(\$11.8m)
Loss after Tax	(\$6.3m)



#### **Group balance sheet**

#### Centrepoint Alliance has a clean and simple balance sheet.

Other Assets includes \$4.6 million in deferred tax assets, down from \$9.1 million in FY17, reflecting the \$4.5 million reduction in tax losses. Unrecognised tax losses increased by \$4.5 million, and a review of historical tax items reduced Revenue losses to \$24 million. The decrease in tangible assets and cash reflects the dividends paid.

\$m	30/06/17	30/06/18
Cash & Term Deposits	31.2	9.5
Intangible Assets & Goodwill	2.2	1.7
Other Assets	26.5	27.5
Total Assets	60.0	38.6
Other Liabilities	18.4	19.1
Total Liabilities	18.4	19.1
Net Assets	41.6	19.6
Net Tangible Assets	30.4	13.3
Net Tangible Assets (cents per share)	19.4	8.5

Off Balance Sheet		
Revenue losses	29.6	24.0
Capital losses	36.0	36.0







### STRATEGIC OUTLOOK

#### Moving to a new identity

Centrepoint's strategy is to grow its strong community of advisers whilst transitioning to a new service model powered through data, technology and insight.

The financial advice industry is facing an increasingly complex and rapidly changing environment - it is imperative that we adapt to the challenges and opportunities this presents. Our new strategy looks beyond the short-term to focus on building a new service model that takes advantages of the opportunities we see playing out as a result of the disruption ahead.

#### The 12 Months ahead

Centrepoint will focus on transitioning to an advice and business services organisation where the needs of our advisers are at the heart of everything we do.

In an industry often defined by its opaqueness, we will shift the playing field to an environment of trust and transparency, and look to set the standard in what it means to be a trusted adviser.

The strategy work is well underway, with several components already completed.

To date, we have examined all aspects of our business, including a comprehensive review of our business portfolio. It has also resulted in a new organisational structure to better align to the market opportunities.



#### **Optimise**

Realign organisation to core advice business

Improve service to existing adviser community

Strengthen core enablers for industry disruption ahead

#### Recreate

Create the future of advice and business services

Targeted packages for attractive advice segments

Harness data to build insights for the adviser community

#### Grow

Licensed and self-licensed advice firms

Transition current firms to new advice packages and bundles

Explore growth opportunities



# OUR ADVISERS AND THEIR NEEDS



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# Catherine Mid-thirties

15 years of experience
Bought business from previous owner
~250 clients
6 staff including 2 planners and 4 support staff
AQF 7 (Bachelor's degree)



# Business owner needs

- Needs HR support to manage processes, policies and changing regulation
- Technology solutions to simplify operational processes so she can spend more time with clients



# Financial advice needs

- Looking for acquisition opportunities to accelerate growth
- Quality advice education and training for new staff members





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#### **Murray** Early-fifties

20 years as a financial adviser
Built several financial planning businesses
~260 clients
5 staff including 2 planners and 3 support staff
AQF 7 (Bachelor's degree)



# Business owner needs

 Needs technology solutions tailored for self-licensees to simplify operational processes and reduce friction



# Financial advice needs

- Understand how industry changes might impact if and how succession might occur
- Assessing impact of mandatory education requirements by FASFA



## **FUTURE OFFER**

#### Solving problems for our advisers

Centrepoint solves two categories of problems for financial advice businesses.

- · Operating as a financial adviser
- · Running a small to medium sized business

Through our expertise, insight and scale, Centrepoint can service clients' needs as both financial advisers and business owners.

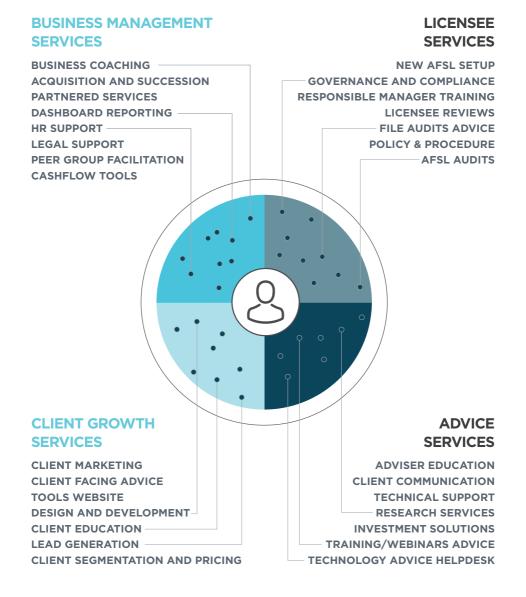
As a service provider to financial advisers, Centrepoint already holds significant expertise in supporting licensed and self-licensed advisers. Moving forward, our focus is on the core advice business and we will look to strengthen our proposition through improved servicing capability and breadth of services offered.

As business owners, Centrepoint is well equipped to provide our advisers' businesses with corporate services such as HR and Legal support. By leveraging our scale and existing infrastructure, we can provide additional support to help advisers run their businesses and generate new clients, freeing up valuable time to spend on income generating activities.





#### Centrepoint's future offer will have four key elements





# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

#### **Overview**

The Company's Board of directors (Board) are responsible for establishing the corporate governance framework of the Company and its subsidiaries (Group). The Board guides and monitors the business and affairs of the Company on behalf of the shareholders by whom they are elected and to whom they are accountable.

Key aspects of the Company's corporate governance, to the extent the Company has followed the ASX "Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations" 3rd Edition (Recommendations), are detailed in the Company's corporate governance statement and corporate policies.

The Group considers it complies with the Recommendations which are underpinned by the following eight key principles:

- · Principle 1: Lay solid foundations for management and oversight
- · Principle 2: Structure the Board to add value
- Principle 3: Act ethically and responsibly
- Principle 4: Safeguard integrity in corporate reporting
- Principle 5: Make timely and balanced disclosure
- Principle 6: Respect the rights of shareholders
- Principle 7: Recognise and manage risk
- Principle 8: Remunerate fairly and responsibly

#### **Corporate Governance Statement and Practices**

Further details on the Company's compliance with the Recommendations is outlined in the FY18 Corporate Governance Statement and Appendix 4G together with the Group's corporate governance policies and charters, which are available on our website: www.centrepointalliance.com.au/investor-centre/corporate-governance/.

Information on directors, meetings and attendance are available in the Directors' Report in the FY18 Annual Report and on the website at <a href="https://www.centrepointalliance.com.au/investor-centre/financial-reports/">www.centrepointalliance.com.au/investor-centre/financial-reports/</a>.



# CORPORATE DIRECTORY

#### **Annual General Meeting**

10:30am (AEDT) Tuesday, 30 October 2018

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Level 10, 550 Bourke Street Melbourne, Victoria Australia

#### **Securities Exchange Listing**

Centrepoint Alliance Limited's shares are listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) and are traded under the ASX code CAF

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