

# ASX Release

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## NEXTDC appoints new board member – Steve Smith

NEXTDC Limited (**ASX: NXT**) ("**NEXTDC**" or "**the Company**") is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Stephen M. Smith to the NEXTDC board as non-executive director, effective 1 July 2019.

Mr Smith brings a deep background in managing market leading technology businesses with particular expertise in the data centre industry. He served as CEO and President of Equinix Inc (NASDAQ: EQIX) for over a decade (2007-2018), transforming it into the clear industry leader in the internet infrastructure sector and the largest enterprise data centre platform in the world. Under Steve's leadership Equinix grew from 17 data centres operating in 10 markets and a US\$2 billion market cap to approximately 200 data centres with a US\$38 billion market cap and operations in 24 countries on five continents, having undertaken 21 acquisitions in the process to make it into the market leading platform.

Mr Smith is based in San Francisco Bay Area and is currently a Managing Director of GI Partners, a US-based investment fund focussed on data centre, data transport, wireless and tech enabled infrastructure investments in North America.

Prior to his time at GI Partner and Equinix, Mr Smith has held senior leadership positions at Hewlett Packard (2005-2006) which included serving as its Senior Vice President - Worldwide HP Services; Lucent Technologies Inc.(2004-2005), where he was appointed as Vice President, Global Professional and Managed Services and Electronic Data Systems Corporation (EDS) (1987-2004), where he served in a number of capacities including Chief Sales Officer and President, Asia-Pacific.

Mr. Smith also had a successful eight-year career in the U.S. Army, where, among other roles, he was aide-de-camp to the office of the Commander in Chief of the U.S. Armed Forces in the Pacific. He is currently on the board of Flexential Inc. (since April 2018), and has served on several boards including Volterra Semiconductor Corporation, 3Par Inc, Actian Corporation, NetApp Inc and F5 Networks Inc. Mr Smith holds a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

NEXTDC's chairman Douglas Flynn said, "*Steve has an immense wealth of experience in the data centre sector having been at the forefront of the industry and the growth of the US technology sector over the last three decades. He is warmly welcomed to the NEXTDC board and we are very much looking forward to working with him and leveraging his insights, acumen and clear passion for the data centre industry as we embark on the next phase of the Company's expansion.*"

Mr Smith said "*I am very pleased to have been asked to join the Company at such an exciting phase of its development. NEXTDC is playing a key role in the development of Australia's digital economy and I am excited to have the opportunity to contribute to that. The NEXTDC team have organically built a data centre platform in the Australian market that is very well regarded globally, and I am looking forward to supporting the team.*"

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## About NEXTDC

NEXTDC is an ASX200-listed technology company enabling business transformation through innovative data centre outsourcing solutions, connectivity services and infrastructure management software.

As Australia's leading independent data centre operator with a nationwide network of Tier III and IV facilities, NEXTDC provides enterprise-class colocation services to local and international organisations. With a focus on sustainability and renewable energy NEXTDC is leading the industry with award-winning engineering solutions for energy efficiency and NABERS 5-star certification.

NEXTDC is extending its leadership in data centre services through the innovative DCIM-as-a-Service software platform, ONEDC®, which enables customers to centrally manage their collocated infrastructure; and advanced connectivity services that deliver a range of scalable and dynamic high-speed interconnections between racks, networks and cloud services.

NEXTDC's Cloud Centre is the country's largest online partner marketplace, comprising the most diverse and dynamic independent network of carriers, cloud and IT service providers, enabling customers the freedom to source best of breed suppliers within the NEXTDC Partner community as they continue to digitally transform their organisations.

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