

**21 May 2015****Appointment of independent Chairman**

iSelect today announced that Mr Chris Knoblanche AM has been appointed to the role of independent Chairman, effective 1 July 2015. Current Chairman and iSelect co-founder Damien Waller will move to the role of non-Executive Director.

Mr Knoblanche brings diverse and relevant board experience to iSelect, with a particular strength in strategy and financial services and a proven track record of creating a best practice corporate governance environment. He currently serves on the Boards of Greencross Limited (ASX:GXL), GE Capital/Money Australia (Hallmark companies), Environment Protection Authority NSW, Norton Rose Fulbright – Lawyers, and Sydney Opera House. He has served as an adviser to and on the Board of Aussie Home Loans during a period of strong growth and transformation. In addition, he has considerable expertise as the chair of several board-level audit and risk committees.

Mr Knoblanche is a chartered accountant and has extensive CEO, executive and financial markets experience having served as Managing Director and Head of Citigroup Corporate and Investment Banking (Australia and NZ), a partner in Caliburn (now Greenhill Investment Bank) and CEO of Andersen Australia and Andersen Business Consulting – Asia.

Mr Waller commented, “Leading iSelect over the past 15 years has been a very rewarding experience, and I am proud of the strong market position we have built during that time. Chris is the right person to guide iSelect into the future and I’m very pleased to see him join the Board. I’m confident his skills and experience will see iSelect achieve even greater levels of success in the years ahead.”

Commenting on his appointment Mr Knoblanche said, “iSelect has established a leading position in the Australian comparison industry and continues to expand its presence in this growing market. A diverse range of opportunities lie ahead of this innovative and exciting business and I am looking forward to making a positive contribution at the Board and working with iSelect’s CEO Alex Stevens and his management team to deliver value for iSelect shareholders.”

The Board thanks Damien for his leadership and significant contribution to the company as Executive Chairman, and most recently as non-Executive Chairman.

**ENDS****About Chris Knoblanche****Key board positions**

2015 to present: i-Med Network Limited (Radiology) - Board Member  
2014 to present: Greencross Limited – non-Executive Director  
2014 to present: GE Capital Australia (GE Money, Hallmark companies) - Board Member  
2013 to present: Aussie Home Loans Limited - Board Member  
2013 to present: Symond Family (Aussie Group) – Advisor  
2013 to present: Sydney Opera House Trust - Trustee  
2012 to present: Environment Protection Authority - Independent Board Member  
2012 to present: Norton Rose Fulbright - Lawyers - Advisory Board Member  
2001 to 2013: Australian Ballet – Board Member & Chairman

## **Key executive positions**

2005 to 2012: Managing Director and Head of Citigroup Corporate and Investment Banking Australia & NZ  
2004 to 2005: Partner in the boutique investment bank, Caliburn Partnership (Greenhill Investment Bank)  
2002 to 2003: Regional Managing Director Deloitte Management Solutions – Asia  
2000 to 2002: CEO Andersen Business Consulting Asia Pacific  
1997 to 2001: CEO of Andersen Australia

## **Qualifications and recognition**

Chris holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting and Financial Management) and is a Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia (ACA), and Fellow of the Australian Society of CPA's (FCPA).

In 2014 Chris was awarded an Order of Australia (AM) for significant service to arts administration, the community and the business and finance sector.

In 2000 Chris was awarded the Centenary Medal by the Australian Government for services to the arts and business.

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## **About iSelect**

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