

## ABANO APPOINTS CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

Listed trans-Tasman dental company, Abano Healthcare Group (NZX: ABA) has appointed Dennis Surlan to the new role of Chief Operating Officer.

Based in Sydney, Australia, Dennis will be responsible for the oversight of all operational matters for Abano's two dental networks - Lumino The Dentists in New Zealand and Maven Dental Group in Australia - and will report to Abano's CEO, Richard Keys.

Dennis is an experienced international senior executive, with a background in service, operations, sales and marketing. He has held positions with global companies, including Philips Healthcare and Siemens Healthcare with his most recent role as Vice President Services for Thermo Fisher Scientific, responsible for six Asia Pacific markets.

CEO of Abano, Richard Keys, commented: "We are delighted to welcome Dennis to the Abano team. He is a high calibre executive and will bring a vast amount of experience and expertise to the company in this newly established role.

"This year Abano moved to solely focus on the dental industry and we have the largest network of dental practices trans-Tasman, with more than 230 practices and growing. We have recently established a new trans-Tasman leadership team to support our networks, including the newly established COO role. This is a further step in achieving our growth ambitions and Dennis will be an important part of our trans-Tasman leadership team.

"The Australian dental market is 12x larger than in New Zealand and given the opportunity this presents for Abano, the COO position will be based in Sydney. Dennis will commence his employment with Abano in late November 2018."

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Abano Healthcare Group is listed on the NZX and owns and operates the largest dental network in Australasia, comprising Lumino The Dentists in New Zealand and Maven Dental Group in Australia.