

SAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS



ROB THOMAS

Mr Thomas has over 30 years experience in the securities industry. In 1986 Mr Thomas joined County NatWest Securities Australia Limited (CNWSAL) to establish its stockbroking operations and was appointed Managing Director of CNWSAL. This ultimately involved the acquisition of a small 30 person Sydney operation, JM Bowyer & Co., which was built up to 220 staff with operations in Melbourne, London, New York, Auckland, and Tokyo with a consistent No.1 Market Share rating in Australia. In April 1998, County NatWest Securities was taken over by Salomon Smith Barney and later became a part of Citigroup where Mr Thomas was appointed CEO of Australia and New Zealand. Subsequently he became Chairman of the Citigroup Global Corporate and Investment Bank, finally retiring from that position in September 2004.

He is the Chairman of two ASX listed companies, Heartware International Limited and Tower Australia. He is Chairman of the Stockbrokers Association of Australia (SAA) and is a Director of Virgin Blue Ltd, O' Connell St. Associates and Grahger Capital Securities. He is also the President of the Library Council of NSW and a member of The Monash Medical and Research Advisory Board.

Mr Thomas has a Bachelor of Economics from Monash University 1963-1966. He has been a member of the Securities Institute of Australia since 1976 and was appointed as a fellow to the Institute in 1997. He is a Master Stockbroker and is a Fellow of the Institute of Company Directors.