



2025 NEW ZEALAND SECURITISATION CONFERENCE

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Speakers



Mark Brown | Head of Fixed Income | Harbour Asset Management

Mark joined Harbour in 2011 and has over 30 years of experience working in fixed income markets in New Zealand and offshore. He leads the fixed income team at Harbour and is the portfolio manager of the Harbour NZ Core Fixed Interest Fund and the Harbour Income Fund. As a portfolio manager, Mark is primarily involved in investment strategy and risk management, being ultimately responsible for the investment performance of the firm's longer-maturity bond funds. Mark has experience across the disciplines of credit analysis, economics and quantitative analysis. As active managers, Mark and his team have a proven track record, most notably adding value during the GFC and COVID affected years when volatility was high. Mark has a BCA from Victoria University of Wellington and a MBA in finance from the University of Rochester, NY.



Quin Casey | Senior Portfolio Manager (Head of Fixed Income) | Fisher Funds

As the Head of Fixed Income, Quin is responsible for the oversight of all the fixed income portfolios. Prior to joining Fisher Funds in 2016, Quin spent eight years in London with Aviva Investors as a Credit Analyst.



Janine Carter | Director, Capital Markets | Bank of New Zealand

Janine is a Director in the BNZ Securitisation Team. She has been at BNZ as part of the Capital Markets Team since 2017 after relocating from NAB in Melbourne.

Janine holds an Honours degree in Economics from the University of Otago and is a CFA Charterholder.



Kelvin Davidson | Chief Property Economist | CoreLogic

Kelvin joined CoreLogic in March 2018 as Senior Research Analyst, before moving into his current role of Chief Economist. He has spent 15 years working largely in private sector economic consultancies in both New Zealand and the UK. In his role at CoreLogic, Kelvin's focus is on keeping up to date with what's going on in the property market and continually finding different ways for viewing and interpreting it.

Kelvin holds a Bachelor of Commerce with Honours majoring in Economics from University of Canterbury.



Fiona Doddrell | Head of Financial Institutions, Public Sector and Healthcare | Westpac New Zealand

Fiona has 25 years of experience in financial markets in both New Zealand and the UK, with roles spanning different employers, financial products, and clients. Fiona possesses a comprehensive knowledge of the financial markets and has successfully managed a large number of complex debt projects. Prior to her Relationship Management role, she spent 9 years in the Debt Capital Markets & Syndicate team at Westpac. Her career began at National Bank before spending eight years in London working specifically in the Euro MTN market at J.P. Morgan and Commerzbank. Before joining Westpac, Fiona was treasurer at the iconic New Zealand company Icebreaker.



Kelly Eckhold | Chief Economist | Westpac New Zealand

Kelly Eckhold is Chief Economist at Westpac New Zealand. Kelly joined Westpac in 2023 and previously worked at the International Monetary Fund on monetary policy, foreign exchange and financial stability issues from 2011 and then previously the Reserve Bank of New Zealand in a range of senior roles across Financial Markets, Economics and Financial Stability departments.



Jennifer Gunser | Partner | Bell Gully

Jennifer leads Bell Gully's Banking and Finance Department. She is well established in the New Zealand securitisation market, acting regularly for participants such as Bluestone Mortgages, Humm, MTF, L&F and Harmony. Jennifer is ranked as a 'Next Generation Partner' in The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2023, an 'Up and Coming' partner in Chambers Asia Pacific 2023 and was shortlisted as Debt Capital Markets lawyer of the year in the Women in Business Law Awards APAC in 2022 and 2023. Jennifer has an LLB(Hons) from the University of Otago, a Master of Laws at Columbia University School of Law in New York and has practised in both London and New York. Jennifer is a member of the ASF's New Zealand Market subcommittee.



Michelle Herlihy | Chief Executive Officer | Speirs Finance Group

Michelle Herlihy is CEO of Speirs Finance Group, a leading New Zealand asset finance provider (Speirs Finance) and fleet leasing provider (Yoogo Fleet). Michelle was appointed CEO in 2021 and has since led the organisation through a period of strategic transformation and significant growth. Michelle has over 20 years' experience in the financial services sector. Prior to joining Speirs Michelle led one of New Zealand's largest fleet leasing companies and prior to that held senior leadership roles at GE Capital in the UK, Australia and New Zealand. Since joining Speirs, Michelle has led the Group's growth strategy, led transformative digital change and worked alongside the Speirs Treasury team to expand and diversify its funding strategy to support sustainable growth and capital efficiency. Michelle was a Board member of the Financial Services Federation for 10 years and acted as Chair for 2 years, she is a qualified solicitor and holds a LLB from the University of Waikato.



Elly Ko | Head of Funding - Consumer | humm group

Elly is the Head of Funding for the Consumer portfolio at hummgroup, where she oversees capital management and funding for the group's Consumer receivables portfolios across Australia, New Zealand, Ireland, and Canada. She has been with hummgroup since 2020, managing its capital markets programs as part of the Treasury team. Prior to joining hummgroup, Elly worked for nearly a decade as a lawyer specializing in structured finance and securitization. She advised on various financing arrangements, including structured asset and receivables financing, development and investment financing, and corporate debt transactions, holding senior roles at Allen & Overy and Ashurst. Elly is a member of the ASF's New Zealand Market subcommittee. She holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Finance) and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of New South Wales.



Nick Leggett | Chief Executive Officer | Infrastructure New Zealand

Nick Leggett commenced in the role of Chief Executive of Infrastructure New Zealand in April 2023. Previously Chief Executive of the road transport industry peak body, Iā Ara Aotearoa Transporting New Zealand, Nick's professional career has always centred around the need for quality and sustainable infrastructure. As Mayor of Porirua City between 2010-2016 he understands the need for great infrastructure to power opportunities for people and provide a bedrock for economic growth and social progress. Nick is strongly of the view that Aotearoa New Zealand must be bolder in its funding, investment and scale of world leading infrastructure projects.



Susan Lucking | Head of Infrastructure, Government & Specialised Finance | BNZ

Susan leads BNZ's Infrastructure, Energy, Utilities and Government sector strategies and relationship banking teams for BNZ's largest clients in these sectors, and also leads BNZ's Project Finance team that specialises in infrastructure and renewable energy development. She has 15+ years of banking experience across various sectors, including Project Finance, Corporate Finance and Property Finance. Susan is also a member of the Infrastructure New Zealand Industry Advisory Council.



Stephen Martin | Head of ABS | Challenger Investment Management

Stephen is Head of ABS responsible for the Challenger Investment Management's Asset Backed Securities portfolios globally. He joined Challenger Investment Management in 2008 as an Analyst in the asset and liquidity management team. Since 2011, Stephen has been a member of the Fixed Income team focusing on asset backed structuring and investing. He is a member of the ASF's National Committee and Chair of the ASF's investor subcommittee. Stephen holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree with Honours from the University of Sydney and is a CFA Charterholder.



Ben McCarthy | Managing Director, Head of APAC Structured Finance | Fitch Ratings

Ben is a Managing Director at Fitch Ratings and regional group head for the firm's structured finance and covered bond group. The group is responsible for assigning and monitoring credit ratings on ABS, RMBS, CMBS, covered bonds and structured credit/collateralised loan obligations across the region. He oversees criteria, research and analytical development, and interacts with a variety of market participants, particularly investors. Ben has been with Fitch for over 25 years.



Hamish Pepper | Director, Fixed Income & Currency Strategist | Harbour Asset Management

Hamish joined Harbour in July 2019. He has specific responsibilities for macro-economic research, fixed interest and currency strategy. His research is reflected in investment decision making across the Harbour investment team, in particular relating to fixed income and currency. Before joining Harbour, Hamish worked as an FX and EM Macro Strategist for Barclays Investment Bank for 8 years in Singapore and London. He was most recently Head of FX & Emerging Markets Macro Strategy Research for Asia, based out of their Singapore office. Hamish was previously a Senior Analyst in the Financial Markets Research team at the Reserve Bank of NZ, responsible for presenting financial market analysis to RBNZ policymakers. He holds a first-class BCA (Hons) in Economics from Victoria University, Wellington.



Aaron Saunders | Chief Financial Officer | Turners Automotive Group

Aaron joined Turners Group NZ in 2006. He has a strong background in financial and management accounting, at both a strategic and operating level in local and international markets. Over the last 30 years, Aaron has worked across a broad range of company sizes and industries including vehicle importation and distribution, broadcasting and the finance sector. Aaron is a full member of the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants and holds a Bachelor of Commerce from Auckland University.



Tim Stalker | Head of Head of Credit Relative Value | Westpac Institutional Bank

Tim is responsible for Westpac Institutional Bank's term investment securities portfolio, and has been an active participant in the Australian and NZ securitisation markets since 2006.



Stephen Toplis | Head of Research, New Zealand | BNZ

Stephen was appointed as BNZ's Head of Market Economics in April 2001. He now carries the title of Head of Research. His previous employment included Chief Economist Deutsche Securities, Chief Economist BT Securities, Chief Economist Doyle Paterson Brown and Chief Economist Fay Richwhite. He is located in BNZ's Wellington Markets Division where he is charged with providing an economic and political overview for the Bank's wholesale operation. The end focus of much of his work is the analysis of business risk for the BNZ's corporate clients. At university Stephen completed a BSocSci in Computer Science before moving on to do a Masters in Economics. Stephen is also contracted to the Hugo Group, a consultancy, which provides economic and political advice to a small group of New Zealand Chief Executives.



Fraser Wilson | Head of Treasury and Funding | MTF Finance

Fraser is the Head of Treasury and Funding at MTF Finance, having started in the role in May 2022. Prior to MTF Finance, Fraser was at BNZ in the Securitisation Origination team for three years. Fraser is responsible for managing MTF Finance's securitisation programme, corporate funding, listed preference shares and ordinary equity which presents a unique challenge given the ownership structure. Fraser is a member of the ASF's New Zealand Market subcommittee.