



# 2026 NEW ZEALAND SECURITISATION CONFERENCE

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## Speakers



### **Kosta Babiy | Group Treasurer | FleetPartners**

Kosta is the Group Treasurer at FleetPartners, where he leads the organisation's corporate and securitised funding, liquidity, and market risk management strategies across Australia and New Zealand. Kosta brings over 20 years of specialised experience in treasury, structured finance (warehousing, RMBS, auto and equipment ABS), FX and Interest rate hedging, and investment management. He is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA), with academic background in finance, economics, and applied mathematics.



### **Deemle Budhia | Partner | Russell McVeagh**

Deemle is a partner at Russell McVeagh, specialising in debt capital markets – including securitisation, covered bonds and regulatory capital – and financial regulation. She acts for issuers, lenders (senior and mezzanine) and arrangers on various funding programmes including corporate bond and regulatory capital issuances, securitisations, covered bonds programmes and US, European, AUD and domestic funding programmes. Dee is a member of the Australian Securitisation Forum's New Zealand Market subcommittee.



### **Janine Carter | Director, Securitisation Originations | 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 | Cotality NZ**

Kelvin is Cotality NZ's Chief Property Economist and joined in March 2018. He has a wealth of experience, having previously spent around 15 years working largely in private sector economic consultancies in both New Zealand and the UK.

In his role with Cotality 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's economics background means that he knows his way around a spreadsheet, but more importantly he always puts more emphasis on providing the key insights and telling a story, whether his audience be clients or the media.

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.



**Caroline Dunlop | Head of Funding | Avanti Finance**

Caroline is Head of Funding for Avanti Finance Group. Caroline trained as a lawyer, working first in private practice and in-house in New Zealand and the United Kingdom, before broadening to work across a number of roles in financial services since the 2000s. She enjoys the challenge of working in companies to achieve long-lasting results, seeking to identify innovation opportunities and to maximise efficiencies. With experience in compliance, she has a strong focus on conduct and culture obligations within financial services. Caroline is a member of the ASF's New Zealand Market subcommittee.



**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.



**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 successful growth strategy and its digital transformation strategy to position the Group for the future. Michelle worked alongside the Speirs Finance Treasury team to expand and diversify its funding strategy to support sustainable growth and capital efficiency, including Speirs Finance's inaugural \$200m ABS issue in July 2025. Michelle was a Board member of the Financial Services Federation for 10 years and acted as Chair for 2 years, she also served on the Board of Drive Electric for 4 years. Michelle holds a LLB from the University of Waikato.



**Todd Hunter | Group Chief Executive Officer | Turners Automotive Group**

Todd is an experienced senior executive, with a background in marketing, sales and accounting in both large global and domestic businesses. Before joining Turners Auctions in 2006 Todd worked for Microsoft NZ and Ernst and Young. He was appointed CEO of NZX listed Turners Auctions in 2013, and took on the CEO role for the wider Turners Automotive Group in 2016. In 2023 Todd was appointed to the Chair role for the Financial Services Federation, which represents the non-bank lending industry in NZ. Todd is a chartered accountant and holds a Bachelor and Diploma of Commerce from Auckland University.



**George Leckie | Director Fixed Income Sales | BNZ**

George joined BNZ Markets in 2025 and serves as the Fixed Income Director for their Investor Sales team. Prior to joining BNZ, he worked at ANZ in their Investor Sales team. He has 15 years experience in New Zealand financial markets, having started out as a Corporate FX Dealer before shifting focus to Interest Rates and Fixed Income products a decade ago. George holds a Bachelor of Commerce in Economics & Strategic Management from University of Canterbury.



### **Will Liang | Chief Executive Officer | Amplify AI**

Will Liang is the CEO of Amplify AI Group, a consulting firm which advises, builds and coaches AI for the finance industry. With over 18 years' experience leading AI, data and technology, he was CTO for MA Asset Management, served as enterprise architect and CIO for Macquarie Capital Asia Pacific as part of a decade at Macquarie Group, and led KPMG's national regulatory technology practice.

His interest in data analytics and artificial intelligence has been long standing and includes travelling to Harvard for professional development in data and AI in 2019.

He is recognised internationally for his technology leadership, including as a Top Voice on LinkedIn for Data Science and AI and was named as a Global Top 100 Data and Analytics leader by Corinium. He was also named the Top 100 CIO in Asia by CIO.com. In Australia, he was awarded an honorary fellowship at UTS for his work on AI education in 2024.



### **Eoin O'Grady | Chief Financial Officer | Vincent Capital**

Eoin O'Grady is Chief Financial Officer at Vincent Capital and a Director at Lendr, where he focuses on funding strategy, capital markets activity, and institutional partnerships across non-bank lending platforms. He has more than 20 years' experience in international banking and capital markets, including senior roles in London covering structured finance, liquidity management, and market risk. Based in Auckland, Eoin works with institutional investors and funding partners to develop scalable funding structures that support residential property development and specialist lending across New Zealand.



### **Fred Ohlsson | Group Chief Executive Officer | Avanti Group**

Fred joined Avanti Group in February 2024 and has extensive experience in senior leadership positions in the financial services sector on both sides of the Tasman, having worked at ANZ for 18 years. His roles there included leading the ANZ Australia division - the largest division in the group - and leading the retail and business banking divisions in New Zealand. Fred also spent 4 years with ANZ's previous asset finance business, Esanda.



### **Simon Pannett | Senior Credit Analyst | Harbour Asset Management**

Simon is responsible for the bottom-up credit and sustainability analysis within Harbour Asset Management's portfolios spanning high grade to high yield. Simon began his investment career in manager research for AXA. He then worked for a pension fund in the UK before joining Harbour in 2013. Simon holds an Honours degree in Economics and is a CFA charterholder. Simon is a member of the ASF's New Zealand Market subcommittee.



### **Asif Saleem | Director, Securitisation Originations | Bank of New Zealand**

Asif is a Director in BNZ's Securitisation Originations team and is part of BNZ's wider Capital Markets team. He is involved in the structuring of warehouse facilities as well as term securitisation issuances. Asif has been part of the wider NZ securitisation industry for over 15 years and holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Auckland. Asif is a member of the ASF New Zealand Markets subcommittee.



### **Kat Starrie | Portfolio Manager - Portfolio Investments | NZ Super Fund**

Kat is a Portfolio Manager at NZ Super Fund within the Portfolio Investments team, which is responsible for running an internal fixed income mandate. In her role, Kat is responsible for investing across global credit markets, with a particular focus on securitised and asset-backed investments, direct lending, and SSA products.



### **Jenée Tibshraeny | Business Editor | NZ Herald**

Jenée Tibshraeny is an award-winning journalist at the New Zealand Herald. Based in the parliamentary press gallery, she focuses on how government and Reserve Bank policymaking affect the economy. She also reports on banking and insurance and has a weekly slot on Newstalk ZB. Prior to joining the Herald as the Wellington Business Editor in 2022, Jenée spent more than seven years at interest.co.nz in Auckland and Wellington. She began her career as a reporter and researcher for the political current affairs TV show, The Nation, before spending two years in New Plymouth as a regional reporter for Newstalk ZB.



### **Mary Jo Vergara | Senior Economist | RBC Capital Markets**

Mary Jo Vergara joined RBC Capital Markets as Senior Economist at the beginning of 2026. Based in Sydney, Mary Jo covers all things Aussie economics and rates. But born and bred in New Zealand, she always keeps an eye on the Kiwi economy. Prior to joining RBC, Mary Jo spent six years at Kiwibank in the Economics team where she was responsible for producing the team's economic research and forecasts. Mary Jo also spent time in economic consulting as a research analyst following five years of university study. Mary Jo studied at the University of Auckland where she gained a Master's in Economics.



### **Sanam Vikash | Treasurer | Prospa Group**

Sanam Vikash is the Treasurer of Prospa Group, a leading non-bank financial institution providing finance solutions to small and medium-sized businesses across Australia and New Zealand. She is a senior Treasury and Finance professional with over 19 years' experience, including 15 years in Group Treasury leadership roles within the non-bank sector. Sanam has deep expertise in securitisation, funding strategy, liquidity and cash management, and financial risk management. At Prospa, she has played a key role in establishing and scaling the unsecured SME lending asset class, including the execution of multiple warehouse facilities and public term ABS transactions. Sanam is a Certified Practising Accountant (CPA) and an active participant in the Australian and New Zealand securitisation markets.