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## **Pengana Capital awarded \$US150m-plus mandate for global volatility strategy**

**SYDNEY:** Specialist funds manager Pengana Capital has been awarded a mandate to seed its Global Volatility strategy.

QIC has awarded more than \$US150 million to the strategy. The investment is the result of two years of intensive analysis and due diligence on the process.

The strategy will be run by Pengana Capital's Global Volatility team, which is based in the United States and is led by Alvin (Al) Wilkinson.

Mr Wilkinson said he was delighted to receive such a significant mandate from one of Australia's most highly regarded investment institutions. He said the mandate was the product of working closely with QIC to provide an optimal outcome.

"The timing for awarding such a mandate could not be better to invest in volatility in the markets," Mr Wilkinson said. "We look forward to repaying QIC's faith in us and the strategy we have worked so hard to bring to the reach of sophisticated investors."

Mr Wilkinson is a former director of the Chicago Board Options Exchange (CBOE) who led the development of the VIX – the CBOE Volatility Index (or the so-called US Fear Index), a popular measure of the implied 30-day volatility of S&P 500 index options.

QIC's commitment comes at a time when sharp changes in key global markets are providing significant challenges for institutional investors and their clients.

Pengana's Chief Investment Officer, Nick Griffiths, said the strategy – which he regards as an asset class in its own right – and the associated institutionally focused fund were designed to capitalise on changes in market volatility, initially in the US S&P 500 index and progressively extending to other major indices in global stock markets.

In August, the underlying Pengana Global Volatility Fund won Innovative Product of the Year at the annual Standard & Poor's fund awards.

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- Pengana Core Fund
- Pengana Credo European Property Fund
- Pengana Emerging Companies Fund
- Pengana Global Diversified Bond Fund
- Pengana Global Resources Fund
- Pengana Global Small Companies Solution
- Pengana Global Volatility Fund
- Pengana Property Securities Fund

Pengana is focused on delivering high-quality traditional and alternative funds management products to its clients.

Headquartered in Sydney, Australia, Pengana also has offices in Melbourne, London and Chicago. It is a subsidiary of Pengana Holdings Pty Ltd, which is substantially owned by the Directors and staff of Pengana. At the 2007 Standard & Poor's fund manager awards, The Pengana Global Volatility Fund won Innovative Product of the Year and the Pengana Emerging Companies Fund won the Australian Equities (Small Caps) award.

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