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Pengana Australian Equities Core Fund goes retail

Sydney: Diversified fund manager Pengana Capital has announced that its Australian Equities Core Fund run by Rhett Kessler is now open to investment from retail investors.

For the 26 months since inception, the fund has protected wholesale investors' capital and provided an annualised net return of 10.1% against the cash return of 4.2%. By comparison, the Australian All Ordinaries returned -8.3% over the same period. In addition, the Fund has made money for its clients every year since its inception.

With the launch of the retail offering the Fund has moved from monthly to daily pricing, allowing increased flexibility for daily application and redemptions for all investors.

Commenting on the initiative, Fund Manager Rhett Kessler said, "After establishing a strong track record we are delighted to make this strategy available to all investors. It represents a unique opportunity to invest in Australian equities through a fund with a flexible mandate and knowing that the fund manager will treat the investment as his own money.

"This product allows investors to allocate capital primarily to Australian equities then leave it to the Fund Manager to decide when to invest in the market. If there are not sufficient opportunities available, we will place the money in cash until we are comfortable that we should be in the market again. I like to think of it as a safe pair of hands," Mr Kessler said.

The Fund primarily invests in a concentrated portfolio of quality Australian stocks in which the Fund Manager has a high conviction. It aims to protect and enhance investor wealth on a consistent and repeatable basis. When equity investment opportunities cannot be identified, the Fund may maintain its holdings in cash thereby seeking to protect investors' capital base.

Fundamental analysis of stocks is employed with the aim of generating superior consistent returns by investing in companies which are transparent and have resilient business models, competent management and a favourable relationship exists between market price and future cash flows for their businesses.

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About Pengana Capital Ltd

Pengana Capital Ltd ("Pengana") is a diversified funds management business focused on delivering exceptional long term returns to its investors. It has approximately AUD1.4 billion in funds under management through ten funds, focusing on three central investment strategies – equities, volatility and bonds.

Pengana is headquartered in Sydney, Australia, with additional offices in Melbourne, Singapore, Chicago and Lakeville (Connecticut). Pengana has approximately 50 staff members including over 30 investment professionals. The National Australia Bank is a significant minority shareholder in Pengana, with the remaining shares majority owned by Pengana's directors and staff.

Pengana's performance and innovation has been recognised by the *AFR Smart Investor Blue Ribbon Awards* (2010), *Australian Hedge Fund Awards* (2010), *Money Magazine Awards* (2009), AIMA's *Australia Hedge Fund Awards* (2008), the *Money Management awards* (2008, 2007, 2006) and *Standard & Poor's fund manager awards* (2007).

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Notes

Pengana Capital Ltd (ABN 30 103 800 568, Australian Financial Services Licence No. 226566) ("Pengana") is the issuer of units in the Pengana Australian Equities Core Fund (ARSN 146 346 929) ("Fund"). A Product Disclosure Statement for the Fund ("PDS") is available and can be obtained by contacting Pengana on (02) 8524 9900. A person who is considering investing in the Fund should obtain a copy of the PDS and should consider the PDS carefully and consult with their financial adviser to determine whether the Fund is appropriate for them before deciding whether to invest in, or to continue to hold, units in the Fund.