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Ralton Asset Management Wins Prestigious Industry Award

Standard & Poor's Fund Services, in association with Professional Planner Magazine, has named Ralton Asset Management joint winner of the inaugural S&P Fund Award Separately Managed Account Category, alongside respected Brisbane based manager Dalton Nicol Reid. Announced last Friday at an industry event attended by fund managers, dealer groups and financial advice professionals, the award recognises class leading investment firms with specific expertise in managing SMA model portfolios.

"It's an honour to receive such an important industry accolade", said Damian Holland, Managing Director of Ralton. "We have a strong and stable team, with each member playing an equally important role in our success. Our investment professionals continue to deliver solid performance results measured on a pre and post tax basis, while at the same time our business is growing as SMAs gain broader acceptance across the financial planning community."

Andrew Stanley, Ralton's Head of Investments, added: "S&P's research process for SMA managers was extremely thorough. This award is particularly gratifying as it not only recognises our investment achievements but also our deep understanding of SMA specific risks and our commitment to very high implementation standards – critical components of effective portfolio delivery."

The S&P Fund Awards are now in their seventh year in Australia. The methodology is based on a qualitative assessment of specific investment-management capabilities within a sector, rather than being based on past performance of individual funds. Separately Managed Accounts are a new category award this year, recognising their growing importance in Australia's financial services industry.

About Ralton Asset Management: Ralton is a boutique investment manager owned and operated by experienced and passionate investment professionals. Ralton is a highly focused Value manager with a clear investment philosophy and a proven research-driven investment approach that has been developed over many years. As one of Australia's only managers specialising in separately managed accounts (SMAs), Ralton is able to effectively combine the many benefits of traditional active portfolio management with the best features of direct share ownership. The end result is a highly transparent and tax efficient investment portfolio professionally managed by Ralton.

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