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# **Investments and Operations Update**

# **Summary**

- IMF re-enters Europe and expands in Asia
- New investments funded in Canada
- Court proceedings for the Queensland Floods Class Action funded in Australia by IMF are to be streamed live

#### **Expansion of Operations**

IMF Bentham Limited (**IMF**) has re-established its European operations with the engagement of Alistair Croft, a former senior litigator with funding experience. IMF considers the European market to be an area of considerable potential growth for the business and is currently evaluating its options in the region. IMF's Asia presence has also increased with the hiring of Ms Cheng Yee Khong in Hong Kong as an associate investment manager.

## Non - US Funds Update - Recent Canadian Investments

Fund 2 & Fund 3 (**Non-US Funds**) managed by IMF (see announcement date 3 October 2017 for further details) have recently provided funding for two additional investments in Canada, demonstrating the development and maturing nature of IMF's Canadian operations. These investments will be included in IMF's Investment Portfolio Report as at 31 December 2017, to be published in due course.

## **Queensland Floods Class Action Update**

The hearing of the Queensland Floods Class Action funded by IMF is due to resume in the week commencing 12 February 2018, and we understand it will continue to be streamed live online. Interested community members can access the live stream at:

http://www.supremecourt.justice.nsw.gov.au/Pages/sco2\_classaction/floods.aspx

#### **IMF Background**

IMF is one of the leading global litigation funders, headquartered in Australia and with offices in the US, Singapore and Canada. IMF has built its reputation as a trusted provider of innovative litigation funding solutions and has established an increasingly diverse portfolio of litigation funding assets.

IMF has been a leading pioneer of litigation funding in Australia since 2001, playing a significant role in the initial steps towards a globalised industry via its international expansion in the US, Canada and Singapore. IMF has a highly experienced litigation funding team overseeing its investments, delivering, as at 30 June 2017, a 90% success rate across 162 completed investments.

For further information regarding IMF and its activities, please visit IMF's website at www.imf.com.au.

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