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**EDUCATION/AFFILIATION**:

2023 **Urban Land Institute** **/ Institutional Real Estate Management**

**CRE Finance Council / Cornell Real Estate Council**  USA

Member

2005-2007 **Cornell University** New York, USA

Master of Professional Studies in Real Estate

◦ Pension Real Estate Association (PREA) Scholarship

◦ Executive Editor Cornell Real Estate Review

2005 **Australian Institute of Company Directors** Sydney, Australia

Company Directors Course

1999-2002 **Securities Institute of Australia**

Graduate Diploma in Applied Finance and Investment

1991-1994 **University of Sydney**

Bachelor of Agricultural Economics (Hons)

**EXPERIENCE:**

2023 - Current **Cornell University** New York, USA

Professor of Practice – Real Estate Finance and Investment

2015- Current **Victoria Asset Management** London, UK

Chairperson / CEO

Victoria Asset Management is a global real estate asset management business, focused on the

underwriting and management of investments across the capital structure in all commercial real estate

asset classes, ranging from non-performing loan investments, direct assets and preferred equity interests,

corporate restructures and structured finance opportunities.

◦ Integrated business unit of Oaktree Capital Management

◦ Regional offices in Europe (London, Madrid & Berlin) and Asia (Hong Kong, Beijing & Mumbai)

◦ €5.1 billion AUM (€10+ bn managed since inception)

◦ 55 staff / £18m turnover

◦ Director Castello SGR - Italian real estate asset and fund management company

◦ €2.4 billion AUM (400 + assets)

◦ 50 Fund / 150 investors

2020- Current **Director – Conservators of Ashdown Forest**

Independent body responsible for the conservation and management of Ashdown Forest for the past 135

years.

◦ Chair of Finance and Regulatory Committee

◦ Trustee – The Ashdown Forest Foundation

2007- 2015 **Citi Property Investors / Apollo Global Real Estate / Lapithus**

European Head of Asset Management

◦ Oversight and management of the AGRE & EPF opportunistic and core plus Funds

◦ €5 billion AUM

◦ Direct real estate, public markets, corporate restructure and debt investments

◦ Pan European and market specific Fund structures

◦ Operations Management

* Executive Management Committee
* Leadership of corporate acquisitions, joint ventures and service provider relationships
* Staff and recruitment management

2006 **Macquarie Real Estate Inc.**  Chicago, USA

Product Development

◦ Evaluation and implementation of real estate products and initiatives in the USA and Europe

◦ Underwriting of cornerstone investments and Public Private Partnerships

2003-2005 **Wheat Export Authority**  Australia

Manager

◦ Oversight of AWB (International) Ltd’s performance in managing the wheat export monopoly from

Australia; reporting to the Federal Minister for Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries

2000-2019 **De Mestre Nominees Pty Ltd**  Australia

Director

◦ Evaluation, investment and management of residential and commercial property

◦ Rural / residential property development project in New South Wales

1996-2000 **GrainCorp Operations Ltd / Cargill International** Australia / Canada

Business Manager / Commodity Trading

◦ Establishment of Joint Ventures and construction of strategic logistic and export facilities

◦ Diversification of export programs on the Australian eastern seaboard

◦ Regional Commodities Trading Manager

1994-1996 **Meyers Strategy Group**  Australia

◦ Management & Policy Consultancy –International Trade and Commodities