

Sunsuper and Kinetic Super merger on track to generate substantial customer benefits

Less than two months out from the completion of its merger with Kinetic Super, Sunsuper has today moved to confirm it is well on track for a smooth transition on May 12 and has reinforced its commitment to uphold Kinetic's long heritage of support for the nation's recruitment industry.

Sunsuper's CEO Scott Hartley said that Kinetic Super and Sunsuper members would benefit from combined cost savings of \$30 million per annum post transition - including an immediate fee and tax reduction of \$65 per annum for the average Kinetic Super member.

"Members will benefit from \$30 million per annum in cost savings across the two funds and see that the combined \$14 million transition cost will be recovered in less than six months," Mr Hartley said.

"Sunsuper has invested heavily in member and employer technology and services in the last 12 months that will ensure we remain market leading, including uplifting our employer online and clearing house services - which will be of great benefit to Kinetic Super's employer clients the recruitment industry."

He also said that both Sunsuper and Kinetic Super had decades of experience in supporting the recruitment sector and, post-merger, the company would work with some of the nation's biggest recruitment companies.

"As the current super fund of choice for more than 800 recruitment businesses which represent more than 55,000 members, Sunsuper has seen firsthand the value these operations bring in matching job seekers with the right job opportunities."

Mr Hartley said that Sunsuper remained committed to ongoing investment in a broad range of services to help its recruitment industry clients efficiently and effectively manage their superannuation requirements, whilst most importantly supporting the financial wellbeing of their permanent and contingent employees.

He said this would include an ongoing investment in a range of educational tools and research to provide insight into trends in the Australian workforce and the future of work such as the Contingent Job Index. He said the company would also continue its sponsorship of key industry bodies.

"Kinetic Super has been a staunch supporter and the super fund of choice for the recruitment industry for the past 25 years and it is our intention to continue that engagement with the sector for the next 25 years and beyond," Mr Hartley said.

Kinetic Super CEO Katherine Kaspar said that with a strong cultural fit and shared values between the two funds, the merger represents a unique opportunity to leverage the strengths and capabilities of both organisations for the benefit of employers, their staff and their clients.

She said that Sunsuper and Kinetic Super were recently announced as the joint winners of Conexus Financial's Fund of the Year. The joint award came off the back of Sunsuper winning Large Fund of the Year and Kinetic Super winning the Small Fund of the Year, as well as Best Insurance Offering.

"These awards are testimony to the appropriateness of the merger decision and the strength of the new partnership. With all our customers' best interests at our core, we are thrilled to embark on the next phase of our merger with Sunsuper," Ms Kaspar said.

Once the merger is completed on May 12, Sunsuper will become one of the nation's biggest superannuation funds, with more than \$53 billion in funds under management and approximately 1.3 million members.