# **DEXUS Property Group (ASX: DXS)**

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# Challenger lease at 5 Martin Place concludes a significant year of leasing

DEXUS Property Group (DEXUS) (25% ownership interest), together with its joint owners Cbus Property (50% ownership interest) and the DEXUS Office Partner (25% ownership interest), today announced that it had successfully secured Australian investment management firm Challenger, as a new tenant at 5 Martin Place, Sydney.

Challenger has leased 9,127 square metres across the low rise levels 1 to 4 of the building. This lease increases the space committed at 5 Martin Place to 67% at least six months ahead of the planned completion of the development.

Challenger CEO, Brian Benari said: "We were attracted to the central location, unique heritage features and expansive floor plates of the lower floors at 5 Martin Place, which will enable us to foster increased collaboration across our business."

Challenger joins Evans & Partners which also leased 486 square metres on part of level 5 and Ashurst which pre-committed to 12,644 square metres across part level 5 to level 11 of the building prior to the commencement of the project.

DEXUS Executive General Manager, Office and Industrial, Kevin George said: "Securing Challenger as a new tenant at 5 Martin Place is a timely endorsement of the quality of the building and coincides with the broader improvement we are seeing in tenant demand for quality office space.

"The lease with Challenger concludes a significant year of leasing for DEXUS with over 240,000 square metres secured across the Group in 2014."

DEXUS and the DEXUS Office Partner acquired a 50% interest in 5 Martin Place, Sydney as part of the Commonwealth Property Office Fund (CPA) transaction in April 2014. DEXUS and Cbus Property recently implemented a refreshed leasing campaign which reinforces the unique features of the development.

Cameron Williams, Colliers International represented the owners and Challenger was represented by Geoffrey Learmonth LPC.

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