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AMP Group reports Q4 2008 Cashflows

AMP Group today reported cashflows for the fourth quarter to 31 December 2008.

Assets under management (AUM) for AMP's key AUM driven businesses, AFS Contemporary Wealth Management and AMP Capital Investors, are also included in this release.

Total net cashflows for the December quarter declined by \$272 million to \$252 million compared with \$524 million in the previous corresponding quarter.

AMP Chief Executive Officer Craig Dunn said Q4 2008 cashflows reflected trends that were evident throughout 2008. Weak investment markets and consumer sentiment led to lower discretionary superannuation contributions, while employer contributions remained steady due to guaranteed superannuation.

Net cashflows were positively impacted by lower outflows compared to the previous corresponding quarter, which were inflated due to the impact of legislative changes and higher investment markets in 2007.

Overall persistency for AMP Financial Services, excluding internal product flows, increased to 89.9 per cent in Q4 2008 compared to 88.3 per cent in the same period.

The attached tables contain cashflows for the December 2008 quarter.

Retail superannuation and allocated pensions/annuities

Net cashflows for retail superannuation and allocated pensions/annuities was \$202 million for Q4 2008, compared to \$425 million in the corresponding period.

Total retail super and pension/annuities inflows fell 40 per cent to \$1,424 million in Q4 2008 compared to \$2,385 million in the corresponding 2007 quarter, due to a fall in discretionary contributions resulting from weak consumer and investor sentiment in Q4 2008 and abnormally high flows into pension/annuity products in Q4 2007.

Total outflows in retail super and pension/annuities improved by 38 per cent compared to the same period, reflecting a greater retention of funds within AMP and lower AUM balance due to falling markets.

Retail superannuation external persistency (excluding internal product flows) increased to 91.7 per cent compared to 89.4 per cent compared to corresponding quarter.

Allocated annuities external persistency (excluding internal product flows) fell to 85.7 per cent from 86.2 per cent in the corresponding period, as a result of higher volumes of funds transitioned to retirement in 2007 prompting higher contractual payments in 2008.

Corporate Superannuation

Corporate superannuation net cashflows were \$229 million for Q4 2008 (excluding mandate wins), compared to \$33 million in Q4 2007, which can be mainly attributed to resilient employer contributions and lower outflows.

- Including mandate wins, total corporate super inflows were \$800 million for the quarter, compared with \$792 million in Q4 2007.
- Corporate super outflows were \$529 million in Q4 2008, an improvement of 25 per cent compared to the corresponding quarter in 2007.
- Net persistency for corporate super increased to 94 per cent in the quarter, compared with 92.4 per cent in Q4 2007.

Mature Products

- Net outflows in mature products for Q4 2008 was \$239 million, an improvement of 36 per cent on the previous period.
- This was mainly due to the impact of investment markets limiting investor withdrawals from capital guaranteed products.

New Zealand

- Net cashflows decreased by \$116 million compared to the corresponding period due to significant NZ Corporate Super mandate wins in Q4 2007.
- The decrease was partially offset by KiwiSaver inflows of NZ\$58 million in Q4 2008.

Channel flows

AMP Financial Planning net cashflows were \$132 million for Q4 2008, compared to \$400 million for the corresponding quarter.

- Inflows for the quarter were \$1,880 million, a 36 per cent reduction compared to Q4 2007. This reflects the impact difficult investment markets had on discretionary contributions and Q4 2007 flows for transitions to retirement driven by legislative changes not recurring in Q4 2008.
- Outflows for Q4 2008 improved 31 per cent to \$1,748 million from \$2,545 million in the corresponding quarter. Q4 2007 outflows were unusually high due to legislative changes impacting flows for transition to retirement.

Hillross net cashflows were down 93 per cent to \$6 million. Inflows were down by \$302 million and outflows decreased by \$219 million, reflecting funds flows of Q4 2007 for transitions to retirement not recurring in Q4 2008, and lower discretionary contributions from high net worth clients due to weak investment markets.

Assets under management

AMP Financial Services Contemporary Wealth Management (CWM) average AUM was \$45.8 billion in Q4 2008 compared to \$57 billion in the previous corresponding quarter.

AMP Capital Investors (AMP Capital) average AUM was \$96.7 billion in Q4 2008, a decline of 14 per cent due to weak global investment markets and lower net cashflows.

Outlook

Mr Dunn said the company is prudently managing costs, capital and liquidity in the current environment while continuing to invest in growth initiatives for the medium to long term.

While economic and market conditions mean that delivering growth in the short term will be challenging, Mr Dunn said that AMP is well placed and remains confident about the medium to long term outlook for the business.

The attached tables contain AFS cashflows for the December 2008 quarter and assets under management for AMP's key AUM driven businesses.

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AMP Financial Services – Q4 08 cashflows

	Cash inflows			Cash outflows			Net cashflows		
	Q4 08	Q4 07	% Q4/Q4	Q4 08	Q4 07	% Q4/Q4	Q4 08	Q4 07	% Q4/Q4
Retail superannuation ¹	988	1,446	(31.7)	924	1,664	44.5	64	(218)	n/a
Allocated pensions/annuities	436	939	(53.6)	298	296	(0.7)	138	643	(78.5)
Total retail superannuation and pensions/annuities	1,424	2,385	(40.3)	1,222	1,960	37.7	202	425	(52.5)
Retail investment	101	139	(27.3)	101	128	21.1	-	11	n/a
Fixed term annuities	45	44	2.3	71	63	(12.7)	(26)	(19)	(36.8)
External platforms ²	316	783	(59.6)	364	595	38.8	(48)	188	n/a
Total retail	1,886	3,351	(43.7)	1,758	2,746	36.0	128	605	(78.8)
Corporate superannuation	758	735	3.1	529	702	24.6	229	33	593.9
Corporate superannuation mandate wins ³	42	57	(26.3)	-	-	n/a	42	57	(26.3)
Total Australian contemporary wealth management	2,686	4,143	(35.2)	2,287	3,448	33.7	399	695	(42.6)
Total Australian contemporary wealth protection	180	156	15.4	115	94	(22.3)	65	62	4.8
Total Australian contemporary	2,866	4,299	(33.3)	2,402	3,542	32.2	464	757	(38.7)
Australian mature	181	179	1.1	420	555	24.3	(239)	(376)	36.4
Total Australia	3,047	4,478	(32.0)	2,822	4,097	31.1	225	381	(40.9)
New Zealand	172	277	(37.9)	145	134	(8.2)	27	143	(81.1)
Total AFS cashflows	3,219	4,755	(32.3)	2,967	4,231	29.9	252	524	(51.9)
Cashflows by distribution channel									
AMP Financial Planning	1,880	2,945	(36.2)	1,748	2,545	31.3	132	400	(67.0)
Hillross	411	713	(42.4)	405	624	35.1	6	89	(93.3)
Corporate Superannuation - direct sales force	423	430	(1.6)	215	307	30.0	208	123	69.1
Centrally managed clients and other	167	175	(4.6)	252	312	19.2	(85)	(137)	38.0
3rd party distributors	166	215	(22.8)	202	309	34.6	(36)	(94)	61.7
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1. Retail superannuation includes the product Flexible Lifetime - Super (FLS), a component of which is small corporate superannuation schemes.

2. Externally manufactured products that earn platform fees (superannuation, pensions and investments).

3. Cashflows from the transfer of accumulated member benefits as a result of SignatureSuper mandate wins.

Australian contemporary wealth management and AMPCI - Q4 08 AUM

AUM (A\$b)	Q4 08	Q4 07	% Q4/Q4
Australian contemporary wealth management			
Q4 08 Closing AUM (including capital)	43.8	57.0	(23.2)
Q4 08 Average AUM (including capital)	45.8	57.5	(20.3)
AMPCI			
Q4 08 Closing AUM	91.8	111.1	(17.4)
Q4 08 Average AUM	96.7	112.3	(13.9)