



# MEDIA RELEASE

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## HOSTPLUS AWARDED SUPERRATINGS' FUND OF THE YEAR

HOSTPLUS, one of Australia's largest superannuation funds with over 900,000 members, has been named as SuperRatings' Fund of the Year for the third successive year.

At a gala dinner attended by over 300 of the industry's leading figures in Melbourne last night, HOSTPLUS became the first fund to ever be named for the third time.

Commenting on the award, SuperRatings' founder Jeff Bresnahan, said "HOSTPLUS continue to set the benchmark in terms of delivering genuine long term financial benefits to members within an innovative fund framework and communication program. It is at times like this, when markets are in turmoil, that members are looking for real value out of their super fund. On pure returns alone, HOSTPLUS have delivered top 10 performance in all of their key investment options across all major time periods stretching out to 10 years. Add to that their competitive fee structure and excellent education package and many people have definitely benefited by being members of this fund. Whilst no funds excel across all areas, it is clear that HOSTPLUS ticks a lot of the more important boxes".

MTAA Super, a fund that has continually dominated SuperRatings' performance tables over recent years, was named as SuperRatings' Fund of the Year runner-up.

Other awards presented on the night included SuperRatings' Rising Star, which was shared between the retail platform, netwealth Super Wrap, and the \$4.5 billion industry fund, AUSCOAL Super.

Meanwhile, AXA's North product for both superannuation and pensions, was also rewarded with SuperRatings' Best New Product award. The product, developed well before the current market volatility, was innovative in that it allowed, for a premium, members to lock-in gains in a guaranteed environment.

HOSTPLUS had a big night, also being the recipient of SuperRatings' 5 Year Platinum award which rewards funds for their consistent delivery of value for money. They were joined in this award by Care Super, equisuper and UniSuper, all of whom have achieved five consecutive years with a SuperRatings' Platinum Rating.

Commenting on the night and caliber of finalists, Bresnahan said "Australians are fortunate to have so many funds providing excellent value for money to consumers. However, that doesn't mean members can be complacent with some funds still offering little relative value in the accrual and management of their retirement benefits".

## ADDITIONAL RETURN AND DATABASE INFORMATION

We believe our database to be the largest in Australia dealing with multi-employer superannuation funds, where the great majority of Australians have their retirement benefits invested. We now update our website monthly to show the top 5 performing funds together with the medians over all time periods for the following investment options:

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