



## **Industry Snapshot**

- 11% of State economy
- Contributes about \$33 billion to the State's GSP against \$14 billion in February 2000 and more than 110,000 jobs
- Key industry players call Melbourne home
- A centre for innovation and learning



#### Achievements, challenges, directions

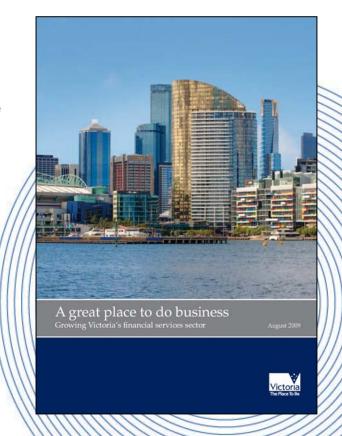
#### Global Financial Crisis

- GFC posed significant challenges for the economy and financial sector
- Cost cutting and lower demand for credit caused employment to soften
- Global, State and Federal response continues
- Government Guarantee initiative assisted banks with fund raising
- GFC reinforced importance of Victoria's prudent, well regulated financial culture
- Flight to safety and scale, period of consolidation



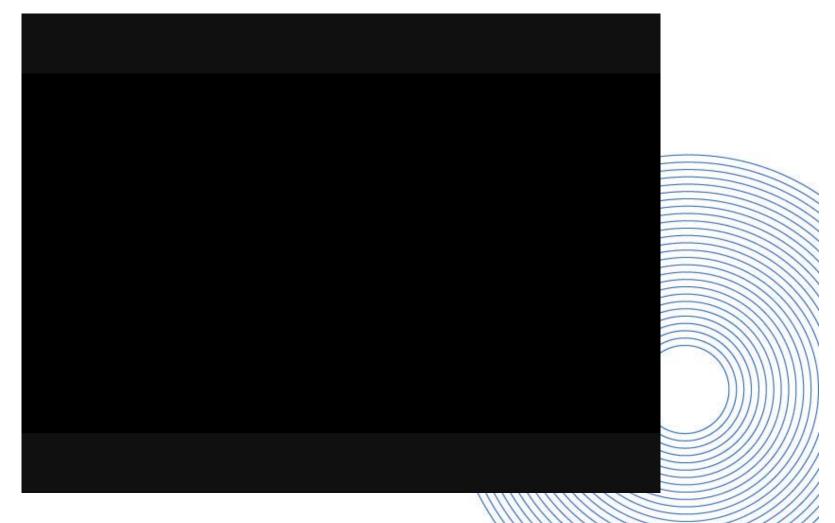
#### Achievements, challenges, directions

- Strategic Statement
  - Launched August 2009
- Five key directions:
  - Positioning Melbourne as a global centre of excellence in pension and funds management
  - Establishing Melbourne as a Carbon Market Hub for the Asia Pacific
  - Training our future workforce
  - Building on our strengths
  - Moving forward from the Global Financial Crisis.





#### **Melbourne Mercer Global Pension Index**





#### **Pension & Funds Management**

- Australian funds under management and superannuation have recovered to pre GFC levels (4<sup>TH</sup> largest pool in world)
- Melbourne Centre for Financial Studies collaborated with Mercer in developing and testing the Melbourne Mercer Global Pension Index <u>Video</u>
- Provides global exposure and positioning for Melbourne
- More than 100 media articles around the world.





## Skills and capabilities

- Training our future workforce
  - Skills Pledge
    - ANZ, NAB and Bendigo & Adelaide Bank
  - Industry Engagement Group
  - Banks commit to working with government to facilitate staff access to accreditation
  - 'Skills for Victoria', the most far reaching reform of the skills system in Victoria's history, will definitely benefit Victoria's financial services
  - Engage with more firms to maximize outcomes







#### **Building on our strengths**

- Docklands
  - \$1 billion in investment and more than 16,500 finance workers to date
- Recent market entrants into Victoria
  - Commerzbank
    - German owned bank
  - United Overseas Bank
    - Singapore owned bank
  - Riverside Company
    - US owned private equity firm







## **Moving forward from the GFC**

- Henry review outcomes reflect a Federal Government looking for reform opportunities across the financial sector
  - Super Guarantee 12% by 2020
  - Australian Financial Centre Forum
  - Review into the Governance, Efficiency and Structure and Operation of Australia's Superannuation System
- Policy directions support Victoria's strengths and ambitions as a global centre of excellence in private pension management
- Victorian Competition and Efficiency Commission
  - Examining impediments to the sector
  - Final report August 2010

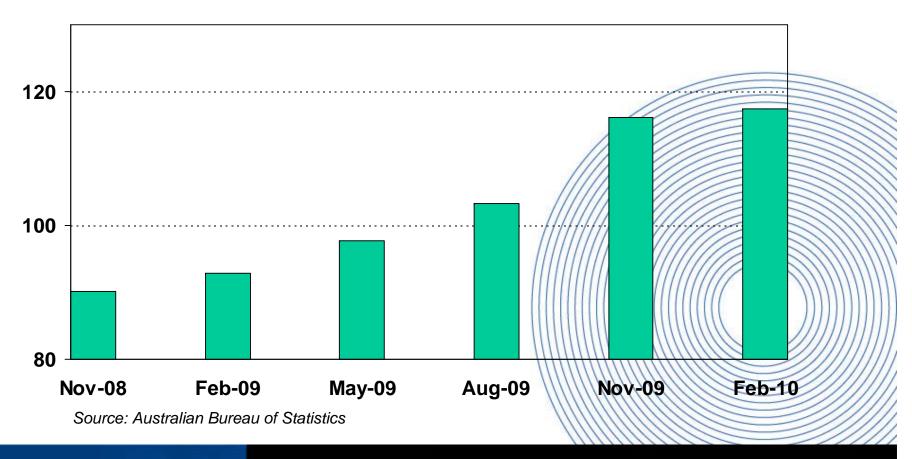




#### **Moving forward from the GFC**

Strong growth in financial services employment

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# **Discussion**



