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Gerard Florian to join ANZ as Group Executive Technology

ANZ today announced the appointment of Gerard Florian as Group Executive Technology reporting to Chief Executive Officer Shayne Elliott.

Gerard joins ANZ from Dimension Data where he was Chief Strategy Officer for the global Cloud Business Unit. Over the past five years, Gerard has been instrumental in the establishment of a portfolio of cloud-enabled managed services operating on a global platform. Previously Gerard was Chief Technology Officer and Chief Marketing Officer for Dimension Data's Australian division. He is also a member of the ANZ International Technology and Digital Business Advisory Panel established in 2015.

In this new role, Gerard will be a member of the Group Executive Committee with responsibility for defining ANZ's technology strategy and building and managing the Group's technology infrastructure. This includes the development of new technologies to support improved customer outcomes and business revenues, implementing existing technologies to further strategic goals, and the creation of systems and processes to make optimum use of current technology resources.

ANZ Chief Executive Officer Shayne Elliott said: "Gerard's appointment together with the appointment of Maile Carnegie as Group Executive Digital Banking earlier this year, highlights the critical importance of technology to transforming ANZ to compete effectively in the digital age.

"Increasingly technology is redefining our business and our relationship with customers. Gerard's leadership skills and his background in technology including cloud computing make him ideally suited to oversee the strategic shift that we need to make," Mr Elliott said.

As part of the change Chief Information Officer Scott Collary will leave ANZ later this month.

Mr Elliott said: "Scott has made a very strong contribution since he joined us in 2014. He has established great working relationships between technology and our businesses, continued to strengthen reliability and efficiency of ANZ's systems, and built a cohesive team and culture within technology. I thank him for his service and wish him every success in the future."

Gerard joins ANZ on 30 January 2017 and will be based in Sydney. A video interview with Gerard discussing his appointment is available at www.bluenotes.anz.com.

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