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Media Statement

PIS NZ celebrates after conference

PROFESSIONAL Investment Services New Zealand is set for another successful year after advisers, accountants and staff met in Rotorua recently for their annual conference.

The conference, entitled Changing Times, New Opportunities, attracted 179 delegates who took part in educational seminars which covered planned legislative changes and the changing taxation law landscape.

PIS chief executive officer Robbie Bennetts said the conference was an amazing success and he was impressed by the confidence and the enthusiasm that the delegates displayed.

“For the most part, the conference dealt with many of the major issues confronting the financial planning industry in New Zealand and how we as a Group are going to adapt to the changing environment,” said Mr Bennetts.

“I was personally impressed with the depth of knowledge and the expertise of many of the delegates and I am sure our team has an exciting future ahead.

“In the current market it is vital that our team is among the best educated and informed in the industry to ensure that our clients receive the best possible advice.”

However, it wasn't all hard work with the delegates also taking part in the NZ Idol singing competition as well as enjoying the Fire and Ice themed Gala Dinner.

Mr Bennetts said the participants were also able to enjoy the less formal components of the conference.

“It's great to see people letting their hair down in a team environment and really getting to know one another,” he said.

“As PIS is a high touch model, we purposely include these types of events at our conferences to strengthen the relationships between the delegates and provide invaluable networking opportunities.”



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PIS NZ general manager David Keys said that after the conference he was sure that the Company is well placed to take full advantage of the new regulatory regime when it is introduced in the near future.

“At PIS NZ we set very high standards for our advisers and the implementation of new regulation will mean that we will be well positioned to further expand our operations and market share,” he said.

“We have always believed in helping our advisers to improve their education so they can improve their businesses and ultimately improve our operation.

“I think it is important for our advisers to attend conferences such as this that educate them about the changing financial planning landscape, the differing needs of the investor, and also to really get to know the team and understand the back office services that PIS are able to provide.”

Founded in 2001, PIS NZ has grown its network to almost 100 branches. Globally PIS has more than \$24 billion funds under advice.

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