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## ***Media Statement***

### **Gold Coast Blaze score PIS sponsorship**

AUSTRALIA'S largest financial advisory group Professional Investment Services has placed its financial clout behind the QDeck Gold Coast Blaze's efforts in the National Basketball League.

The financial planning group, which recently celebrated its 12<sup>th</sup> birthday, has joined the up-and-coming QDeck Blaze team as a major sponsor for this year.

PIS chief executive officer Robbie Bennetts said the group was proud to support the QDeck Gold Coast Blaze as it strove for glory.

Mr Bennetts said the Gold Coast-based PIS had grown every year since it was established in 1996 and hoped that the QDeck Blaze would enjoy a similar level of success.

"The QDeck Blaze under the leadership of Dave Claxton and the Tomlinson family have put in place a strong foundation for the future and we look forward to forming a strong and successful partnership with the team this season," he said.

"From our perspective, sponsoring a team competing in the National Basketball League provides a good fit with our business.

"We have more than 1500 advisers spread throughout Australia and we also have more than 900 overseas including in New Zealand.

"The exposure we will receive through this sponsorship will help lift the profile of our brand throughout the Asia Pacific."

QDeck Gold Coast Blaze General Manager Troy Bingham was excited to welcome PIS to the ever expanding QDeck Blaze family.

"PIS has a fantastic record of achievement and delivering for their clients in their 12 years and that is exactly what we at the QDeck Blaze aim to do," he said.

"Having PIS join our recently signed QDeck as a major sponsor is exciting, they are both the biggest players in their fields and that is where we aim to be in the near future.

It is an exciting time for everyone at the QDeck Blaze and we look forward to having PIS as a major sponsor for a long and successful journey."



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Mr Bennetts said PIS had been proclaimed Australia's number one dealer group and hoped the QDeck Blaze would soon be Australia's number one basketball team.

The QDeck Blaze joins a range of sporting and community groups that PIS has been proud to support.

These include Beijing Olympic rowing gold medallist Duncan Free, Olympic triathlete Brad Kahlefeldt, Olympic swimmer Sophie Edington and National Rugby League team the Gold Coast Titans.

QDeck and PIS have also built an enviable record of community support, with regular donations from the PIS group events going to a number of charities and the QDeck Blaze highly active in the surf life saving movement as well as their ongoing Know the Game...Love the Game basketball clinics and camps.

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