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## DibbsBarker to move into Melbourne

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DibbsBarker is expanding its footprint with a new office that will soon open in Melbourne.

The initial focus of the Melbourne office will be property, a core sector of strategic priority for the firm. Bill Burrough, a senior partner in the firm's Property & Projects team, will permanently relocate from Sydney to lead the Melbourne office. Initially, Bill will be supported by a small team the firm is recruiting and the team will be supplemented by fly-in resources.

Stephen Purcell, Managing Partner at DibbsBarker, said: "The establishment of our Melbourne office is an important step in the consolidation of DibbsBarker's east coast offering. The Melbourne market presents strong opportunities for us to grow our property practice and Bill is the perfect person to lead our offering. We also see great prospects for expansion across other sectors on which the firm is strategically focused, such as financial services, insurance, life sciences and healthcare, as well as practice areas such as intellectual property and technology. In the coming months we will actively pursue opportunities in these areas."

Stephen commented that the establishment of DibbsBarker's Melbourne office makes "good business sense" in light of both the new opportunities presented by the Victorian market, as well as existing client demand.

"Many of our clients are already headquartered or very active in Melbourne and they've been asking us to be there too," said Stephen. "We've listened, and we are looking forward to launching our on-the-ground presence there very soon."

DibbsBarker's office will be located at 360 Collins Street, with the doors set to open on 1 December 2016.

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