# JOHN (JT) THOMAS

KSS, FAICD, FIFS, JP (NSW)



## CORPORATE WORK HISTORY

JT has been involved in banking, finance and funds management activities for 45 years. After initial training with a major bank, a building society and then a credit union, JT joined the Howard Group in 1987, where he began Managing the Howard Mortgage Trust in its fledgling years. When Challenger International acquired the Howard Group in 1997, JT continued his role as CEO of the Howard Mortgage Trust. By the time JT left Challenger in May 2003, after managing the Howard Mortgage Trust for 16 years, the assets of the Trust had risen to a little under \$3billion to be the largest and consistently the best performing trust of its kind in Australia.

The Trust employed over 100 staff and had over 40,000 retail investors and a similar number who invested through platforms and wraps. The fund was awarded the Australian fund manager of the year award in the fixed interest category on 7 occasions. The trust was the only fund of its kind to hold five-star ratings from every major research house in Australia.

JT was also instrumental in setting up the Property Trust Division of Howard in 1996 and has been involved with the purchase and management of a number of large commercial properties since that time. In March 2004 JT launched the Mariner Mortgage Trust and over the next 4 years oversaw its growth to \$250million to become the best performing fund of its type in Australia.

JT was Chairman of the Financial Services Council (FSC) mortgage fund sector working group from 2005-2010.The aim of the group was to develop better disclosure regulations within the commercial mortgage fund industry and to lobby government on industry issues. Membership included Challenger, AXA, Perpetual, Colonial First State and ING with total member FUM in excess of \$30billion.

Over the years both APRA and ASIC have sought JT's advice on industry matters and have on occasions adopted his recommendations on an industry wide basis.

JT has an enviable record for not having lost one cent of investor funds even during the GFC, in either his mortgage or property fund activities.

#### CONSULTANCY PRACTICE

In August 2010 JT set up "JT Consultancy" to (among other things) advise fund managers in the mortgage and property trust space. JT is a Fellow of the Institute of Financial Services and a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

JT also provides business coaching to CEO's and small business owners. This coaching enables business executives and business owners to become better leaders, make better decisions and drive better results for them and their organisation.

JT provides private1:1 mentoring sessions with CEO's or small business owners.

Full details of JT's current positions follow below- including being Chairman of seven commercial and two NFP boards and fourteen committees.

Numerous testimonials are available on JT's website www.jtconsultancy.com.au

#### GENERAL

JT has three personal mantras; firstly "Planning and organization are the keys to success." Second always "under promise and over deliver" in all that you do and third "Persistence and determination are omnipotent."

JT has been happily married to Therese for 42 years and they have 4 adult children and 8 grandchildren. Among his many passions, JT's is most passionate about snow skiing and is a qualified instructor.

JT was awarded a Papal Knighthood in 2011 for his charitable work over 20 years for the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta most notably his Chairmanship of the Diocesan Finance Council (Board) and his assistance with the significant Catholic

School building program and his Chairmanship of Church retirement villages.

# FORMER CLIENTS INCLUDE

**ARAP Pty Limited** Australian Catholic University Australian National Mortgage Fund **Bamford Partners Broad Securities Capital One Catholic Diocese of Parramatta** Chris O'Brien Lifehouse at RPA Endstate FAMI **Forbes Wealth Hodgson Faraday Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation** Morgan's Coffee **Prout Partners Provident Capital** Rochford **Shakespeare Haney Securities** Strategic Advisory The Executive Connection Yarmouth Real Estate Investments

## CURRENT FOR-PROFIT CLIENTS





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Chairman of both Boards

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#### FINSTRO

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