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### Financial Standard and Challenger launch 2016 technical services forum

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11 January 2016 – Financial Standard has partnered with investment specialist, Challenger to launch the Challenger Financial Standard Technical Services Forum.

The event is Australia's preeminent technical services forum and contributes to the development of the industry through new research, insights and education around the impact of legislative change to technical strategies.

Financial Standard Managing Director, Christopher Page said: "The forum was first established in 2009 and this new partnership will bolster its role as the leading platform for thought leadership among the industry's leading experts.

"The financial services industry is undergoing a period of significant change and the forum is well positioned to support and contribute to the industry's ongoing development" Page said.

Challenger's General Manager, Platforms and National Key Accounts, Rommel Hacopian said: "Financial Standard has set a high bar with its investment and development of the technical services forum. The event is not only the go-to forum for technical services specialists, but is fast becoming the industry benchmark for technical research within the financial services and advice industry."

The Challenger Financial Standard Technical Services Forum will launch in March 2016, and will run four sessions in the year, one per quarter.

The forum is open to professionals including technical services experts, research, policy and advice specialists.

The Challenger Financial Standard Technical Services Forum will cover retirement income strategies, SMSF income streams, aged care and other leading industry issues.

#### **About Challenger**

Challenger Limited (Challenger) is an investment management firm managing more than \$56.1 billion\* in assets. It is focused on providing Australians with financial security in retirement.

Challenger operates two core investment businesses, a fiduciary Funds Management division and an APRA-regulated Life division.

Challenger Life Company Limited (Challenger Life) is Australia's largest provider of annuities.

\*30 September, 2015

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