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## **BENETAS WELCOMES NEW CEO**

A leading aged care administrator, Sandra Hills, has been appointed as the chief executive of Benetas, one of Victoria's largest not-for-profit aged care services providers.

Ms Hills joins Benetas from the Brotherhood of St Laurence, where she is general manager of aged and community care. She will take up the appointment in February

The chairman of the Benetas board, John McKenzie, said Ms Hills was the stand-out candidate from an exceptionally strong field of 45 applicants.

“With an extensive background in aged care and community services in the not-for-profit and community sector, Ms Hills is well placed to take on the challenge of leading our organisation,” Mr McKenzie said.

“Ms Hills has strong links within the aged care sector and government that will benefit Benetas.

“She is a director of the industry organisation Aged and Community Care Victoria, is a member of the Department of Health and Ageing’s aged care consultative committee and has previously held senior positions in the Victorian Department of Human Services.”

Ms Hills has been with the Brotherhood since 2000 in roles that encompass financial and business management, workforce management and industrial relations, change management and policy and research development.

Ms Hills said she was delighted with the opportunity to lead Benetas and looked forward to being part of its philosophy of providing the best quality care for older Victorians.

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***Benetas is a not-for-profit organisation, founded by the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne in 1948. Benetas provides quality aged care services for more than 2,000 older Victorians within its 12 residential care facilities and through its extensive community care programmes which enable older people to stay at home with support. Benetas is also one of the leading providers of dedicated day and overnight respite services in Victoria.***