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Iress appoints new CTO to drive AI-led modernisation; confirms Sam Wall as permanent CEO - APAC Wealth

Iress (ASX: IRE) today announced the appointment of Darryl Campbell-Blackwell as Group Chief Technology Officer (CTO), a newly elevated role on the Global Leadership Team.

The appointment is a key step in Iress' strategy to accelerate platform modernisation, embed AI across its product suite, and drive the next phase of growth in its market-leading wealth platform, Xplan.

Mr Campbell-Blackwell brings more than 25 years' experience in software engineering and architecture, including over 15 years at Iress in senior technology leadership roles. He has played a central role in evolving the company's core platforms and improving product delivery.

Iress' Group CEO & Managing Director, Andrew Russell, said: "This appointment comes at a critical time for Iress. We are focused on modernising our platforms, increasing product velocity and embedding AI in a practical, ROI-led way. Elevating the CTO role reflects the importance of technology execution in delivering this next phase."

The appointment comes on the back of Iress' recently announced [partnership with Thoughtworks](#), which will augment and accelerate the company's technology transformation.

Iress also announced the permanent appointment of Sam Wall as CEO of its APAC Wealth business. He had been acting in the role since February 2026.

Mr Wall brings deep wealth industry experience and a strong track record in product leadership, commercial discipline and execution. He previously led Iress' Superannuation business, overseeing its improved performance and successful transition to new ownership under Apex Group.

Mr Russell added: "I'm confident we are well positioned to modernise at pace and deliver better outcomes for our clients. Our model is clear: strong internal leadership, supported by world-class external capability to accelerate targeted modernisation of core platforms, AI integration across client workflows and improved product delivery, speed and efficiency."

Commenting on his appointment, Mr Campbell-Blackwell said: "Iress has strong and enviable technology foundations and a clear strategy. Our focus now is on execution, modernising the platform, simplifying our technology environment and delivering high-quality outcomes for our clients."

Mr Sam Wall added: “I’m encouraged by the support I’ve received from clients since stepping into the role, and welcome the challenge of delivering a new AI-enabled era of Xplan to drive advice businesses forward.”

Mr. Campbell-Blackwell will be based in the United Kingdom with engineering teams based in all regions in which Iress operates. Mr. Sam Wall is based in Iress’ Sydney office.

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