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BOARD APPOINTMENT

Wesfarmers has announced the appointment of Ms Vanessa Wallace as a new director of the company, effective from today.

Sydney-based Ms Wallace (46) leads Booz & Company's financial services practice and has held multiple governance roles at the highest level within Booz's global partnership. An experienced management consultant who has been with Booz & Company for over 20 years, she is their most experienced partner in Australia, New Zealand and South East Asia.

Ms Wallace was elected to the Board of Booz & Company when it separated from Booz Allen Hamilton via a US\$2.4 billion leveraged buyout. She was a Member of the Finance Committee of the Booz Board and Chair of its Agenda Committee.

Ms Wallace has advised both public and private sector clients across many industries and business issues.

She is actively involved in the firm's customer and markets activities which focus on areas such as consumer products, health care, insurance, wealth management and banking. She has had hands on experience in mergers and acquisitions and post merger integration.

Wesfarmers chairman, Dr Bob Every, said he was delighted to welcome Ms Wallace to the Wesfarmers Board.

"I am extremely pleased that Vanessa has agreed to join the Board. Her financial and analytical skills, many years involvement in corporate strategy development and most recent experience on the global Board of Booz & Company will make her an excellent addition to our Board."

Ms Wallace said she was looking forward to her involvement with Wesfarmers.

"It is a privilege to have been asked to join the Wesfarmers Board - a great Australian company with a rich heritage and an enviable track record of delivering value to shareholders," she said.

"I look forward to contributing my business experiences and working with the Board in support of Wesfarmers delivering further sustained successes."

Ms Wallace's appointment takes the Wesfarmers Board membership to eleven.

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VANESSA WALLACE

Age: 46 years

Nationality: Australian

Location: Sydney

EDUCATION/QUALIFICATIONS/PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

1983 Bachelor of Commerce, University of NSW
1988 Master of Business Administration with Distinction, IMD,
Switzerland
Associate of the Securities Institute of Australia

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1988 – present	BOOZ & COMPANY (FORMERLY BOOZ ALLEN & HAMILTON)	
2008 – June 2010	Member of global Board of Directors, member of Board Finance Committee and Chair of Agenda Committee	Global
2004 – 2006	Lead Partner for Strategy Practice, including Customers, Channels and Markets, ANZSEA	
1999 – 2003 and 2006 – present	Lead Partner of Financial Services Practice, Asia	
1998 –	Partner	
1983 – 1987	SCHRODERS AUSTRALIA Portfolio Manager	Australia