



## **Suncorp New Zealand brands announced as finalists at the New Zealand Insurance Industry Awards**

Suncorp New Zealand's intermediated brands Vero and Asteron Life have been named as finalists in at the 2016 New Zealand Insurance Industry awards.

Asteron Life has been named a finalist for Life Insurance Company of the Year.

The award recognises life insurance companies who have demonstrated strong performance, responded to market changes and provided outstanding service for their customers and intermediaries in New Zealand.

Vero has been named a finalist for Intermediated Insurance Company of the Year. This award recognises intermediated general insurance companies which have demonstrated strong performance and outstanding service for their customers in New Zealand.

Vero and Asteron Life both won their respective categories at the 2015 awards.

"Suncorp New Zealand and its brands are dedicated to putting our customers first, and generating value for all our stakeholders," said Paul Smeaton, CEO Suncorp New Zealand.

"Being shortlisted for these awards reflect our commitment to our customers, our strong relationships with our business partners and the hard work and dedication of our people, and we're delighted to be recognised across the categories we operate in."

In March this year, Suncorp announced the new structure of its business, which brings Suncorp's New Zealand general and life insurance businesses together in a customer-centric model.

"Our vision is to be the number one choice for New Zealanders because we give our customers the freedom and flexibility to look after their financial wellbeing in a way that best suits them," said Mr Smeaton.

"Bringing our award-winning brands together under the Suncorp name will enable us to better connect New Zealanders to products, services and experiences that enhance and protect their financial wellbeing."

The winners will be announced at an awards dinner in Auckland on Thursday 10 November. More information about the evening can be found on the [ANZIIF website here](#).



### **About the ANZIIF Awards**

The ANZIIF New Zealand Insurance Industry Awards are a celebration of success across the industry, and an opportunity to reflect on the significant contribution our industry makes to the wider community. The awards are now in their fifth consecutive year.

### **About Suncorp New Zealand**

Suncorp New Zealand is a leading general and life insurance provider. Our intermediated brands include Vero Insurance, Asteron Life and Autosure.

Our direct brands are AA Insurance – a joint venture partnership between Vero Insurance and the Automobile Association, and AA Life - a joint venture partnership between Suncorp Group New Zealand and the AA.