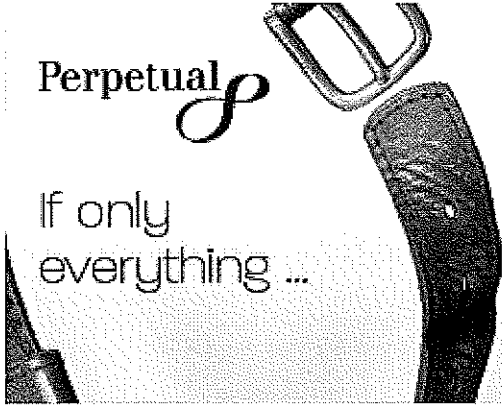


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### Garvan stable grows

By Sara Rich

MLC dealer group Garvan Financial Planning has picked up three new advice businesses, including one owned by the 2007 *Money Management* Financial Planner of the Year, Julian Battistella.



Battistella Financial Services, McNeany Financial Services and Vertex Group have each joined the Garvan network, with McNeany and Vertex leaving Professional Investment Services (PIS) to do so.

Commenting on the decision to depart PIS, McNeany principal Mark McNeany said "the resources of MLC's business development side of things were a better fit for our business", adding that the parting was amicable.

Vertex principal Chris Steiger expressed a similar sentiment, adding: "I am ready to take my business to the next level of growth and I believe MLC is the best licensee to support me in this process."

Battistella Financial Services is a newly launched business with no previous licensee.

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