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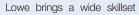
Former Thames River fund manager Simone Lowe is joining Tantalum Capital in Cape Town, where she will take the role of head of strategy and product development.

Lowe started her career at Blue Ink Investments, the South African fund of hedge funds provider, where she sat on the investment committee, performing due diligence and research on South African hedge funds for inclusion in the Blue Ink range of funds.

In 2008, she joined the multi-

Lowe departs Thames River to lead product development at Tantalum

manager team of Thames River Capital, a London-based asset manager, and was primarily responsible for the African side of their business, managing and researching funds operating across the continent.





Simone Lowe

and knowledge base across both local and international markets to the Tantalum business, which has a successful track record as an institutional-grade South African hedge fund company. The com-

pany was formed in 2005 by a senior ex-Coronation team, and

now has eight specialist analysts and fund managers.

Tantalum has around R1.7 billion (US\$210 million) under management across its product range, which includes the long-running multi-strategy Tantalum MNC Hedge Fund, the more concentrated Tantalum Focus Fund, the Tantalum Fusion Fund (a fixed income product) and the most recent addition, the Tantalum Global Resources Offshore Portfolio, its first global fund, which launched on May.