

About Aurenda Partners

Aurenda Partners was formed with the view that Australian healthcare and other innovation companies are poorly serviced from a strategic advisory perspective by traditional Investment Banks. With strong domain expertise in healthcare and innovation sectors, strong corporate and investor connections, the two founders aim to partner with select local companies to provide corporate advisory, mergers and acquisitions as well as capital markets advice.



Michael Sistenich
MSc

Michael, along with Darby, is one of the two founders of Aurenda Capital. Michael has over 20 years experience in financial markets running the gamut of buy-side, sell-side, management and board member. He developed DWS Investments healthcare franchise and was the lead PM and manager running in excess of €6.5bn. He then founded the first healthcare hedge fund in Europe with Meditor running in excess of €500m. Michael transitioned to the sell-side heading Bell Potter's Life Science Investment Banking team after relocating to Australia. More recently Michael was the CEO of Nohla Therapeutics and successfully led two rounds of funding and remains a Non-Executive Director of Nohla Therapeutics. He is also a Board member of publicly listed Opthea Ltd and is also the head of their audit, remuneration and nomination committees. Michael holds a Master of Science in Biochemistry from University of Oxford and is also a Certified Financial Analyst.



Darby To
BCom, LLB

Darby, along with Michael is one of the two founder founders of Aurenda Capital. Darby has over 18 years experience in financial markets of which the majority of the time was focused on healthcare and other innovation sectors. He has spent time on the buy-side as a Healthcare Analyst with BT Funds Management generating double digit outperformance and also on the sell-side as Healthcare specialist sales at Goldman Sachs (Top 3 Extel Ranked) and Thomas Weisel. Darby held roles as Head of Small Cap Sales and Head of International Equity Sales in the Sydney office of Merrill Lynch. He has strong global market knowledge having been based in London, New York and more recently Hong Kong. Darby holds a Bachelor of Commerce (maj in Finance and Accounting) and a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) from the University of Sydney and is also a Certified Financial Analyst.