

Firm to provide stepping stones for business

GOLD Coast corporate advisory firm Stepping Stone Equity has signed up to access a multibillion-dollar investment fund for its clients.

The company, founded in 2007 by James Skinner, is now the Australian management arm

for Singapore-based FMS Group, an institutional investor and fund manager that has facilitated more than \$5 billion in transactions this year.

“The deal will allow companies with the right business models in emerging industries

across a broad spectrum of markets to access large reserves of growth capital never before available to them,” said Mr Skinner.

FMS is targeting investments in both listed and private companies with minimum earnings

before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation of \$2 million.

“Not only is this a major new fund for innovative companies to access growth capital, we now have the ability to invest in any geographical location,” said Mr Skinner.