

Protea Capital Management appoints Shanthan Pillay

The former Old Mutual Wealth investment analyst has joined Protea Capital Management as an investment specialist.

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Protea Capital Management has appointed Shanthan Pillay (pictured above) as an investment specialist within its business development team, effective 1 February 2026.

Based in Cape Town, Pillay will support the firm's national distribution and client engagement across discretionary fund managers, independent financial advisers, and institutional investors, working closely with Edrich Jansen, head of business development.

Commenting on his appointment, Pillay said: 'The hedge space has always excited me. There are a handful of hedge funds I've followed throughout my career, and Protea has been one of them.'

The appointment reflects Protea's focus on strengthening its distribution capability as the business grows.

'We're still a relatively small team, but the business has evolved significantly since launch, and our hedge funds are now widely accessible across major investment platforms,' said Jansen.

'As we enter our next growth phase, we were looking for someone technically strong who can clearly articulate our investment philosophy and how our hedge fund strategies add value within client portfolios. Shanthan's experience makes him a natural fit to support advisers and professional investors through client engagements, presentations, and industry initiatives.'

Pillay began his career in the alternative investment space, developing specialist expertise in hedge fund accounting before progressing into a management company risk manager role, where he gained exposure to fund risk frameworks, governance, and regulatory oversight.

He holds a degree in management studies from the University of Cape Town, is a CFA charterholder and a CFP candidate.