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Value for Money and Low Cost Investment Strategies for Pension Funds

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Programme

08.30 **Registration and coffee**

09.00 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

TREVOR COOK, MANAGING DIRECTOR,
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09.10 **Setting the Scene**

MODERATOR: DR. IAIN CLACHER, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
IN ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE, LEEDS UNIVERSITY

Costs, Fees and Trustee Decision-Making

This session will explore the role, and relative importance of, costs and fees in the decisions trustees have to make in investment. Within this session Tim will also look at the issues faced by trustees concerning the explicit and implicit costs and fees associated with investment decisions, drawing on the findings of the joint Aon Hewitt/Leeds University Business School study into trustee decision-making.

TIM GARDENER, PARTNER, GLOBAL INVESTMENT PRACTICE, AON HEWITT

Duplication – the enemy of efficiency

The industry is full of duplication. Duplication of effort and costs. Low costs – don't focus just on manager fees. How to explain the three different layers and how to control them. The basis for good negotiation. The impact of a centralised model on costs. The impact of a centralised model on trustee life.

OLIVER JAEGEMANN, GLOBAL HEAD, THE ASSET MANAGEMENT EXCHANGE (AMX)

10.25 **Coffee / Tea**

10.55 **Risk and Reward**

MODERATOR: JOHN ARTHUR, SENIOR ADVISOR,
ALLENBRIDGE

Alternative Risk Premia: Investment Panacea or Illusionary Hype?

Why have we seen a rise of smart beta / factor investing and now Alternative Risk Premia and what exactly are these strategies? What about the potential pitfalls in ARP investing: back testing, bank trading strategies, crowded trades and more? Can Engineering generic alpha be a cost effective investment technique? How can you achieve a low TER and Solvency Capital Ratio for Solvency II purposes?

PASCAL SPIELMANN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LGT INVESTMENT PARTNERS

When Beta is not Enough

Success in investing is about achieving financial goals. These might be a required level of income or desired level of savings at retirement. To meet these goals and achieve investment success over a specified period, we think investment decisions need to balance return ambitions, risk appetite, and time horizon. In an environment where political uncertainty, low growth and low expected returns are more likely, most investors cannot rely on 'long-run average market returns'. With financial markets subject to frequent booms and busts, asset allocation decisions are not sufficient and we think alpha strategies and portfolio protection will be critical to deliver on investors objectives going forward

ANDREW HARMAN, PORTFOLIO MANAGER, MULTI ASSET SOLUTIONS, FIRST STATE INVESTMENTS

12.10 **Drinks and Lunch**

13.30 **Practical Issues**

MODERATOR: ALAN PICKERING, CHAIR,
BESTRUSTEES

Managing Cash Flow

How do you go about effectively managing cash flow to ensure schemes can meet pension payments? What should you do if your income requirements are more than the cash your investments produce? What if you can't rely on sponsor contributions? The dangers of relying on asset sales; What are the most cost-effective strategies you can consider?

ALEX KORIATH, MANAGING DIRECTOR AND HEAD OF EUROPEAN PENSION PRACTICE, CAMBRIDGE ASSOCIATES

Facing up to a Challenging Future

How can you cost effectively look at the potential impact economic issues could have on your pension fund? And what about major recent events? Bonds alone will not solve your problems; Indexing may be cheap but will that really help? Will diversification be the "magic bullet" and what else can you do?

SIMON HILL, CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER, CONDUENT HR SERVICES

14.30 **Pension Fund Insights**

A panel of pension scheme executives and trustees will talk about their pension fund's fixed income investment strategies and experiences.

Panellists to include:

ALAN PICKERING, CHAIR, THE PLUMBING INDUSTRY PENSION SCHEME

ROBIN ELLISON, CHAIR, CARILLION STAFF PENSION SCHEME

15.30 **Drinks reception followed by Close of Conference**

Speaker bios



Robin Ellison is a practising solicitor and academic. He is a consultant with Pinsent Masons, the international law firm where he specialises in the development of pensions, investments and related financial services products for insurers and other providers, and in European and international pensions, pensions trustee law and pensions in matrimonial matters. He acts for a number of foreign governments and government agencies. He was adviser to the House of Commons Select Committee on BHS Pensions in 2016. He is also a director of the boards of several companies, including as Chairman of Pendragon Professional Information, publisher of Perspective, the electronic regulatory and legal publisher to the pensions industry, and of the London & Colonial insurance group, and is trustee of several pension funds, (including those of the Really Useful Theatre Group, Cambridge Colleges and Carillion) both as independent trustee and as chairman. He also practices as a commercial mediator. He was a founder of the Association of Pensions Lawyers, being awarded its Wallace Prize in 1995 and in 1997 he was elected the first solicitor Honorary Fellow of the Pensions Management Institute. He was awarded the Industry Achievement award by Portfolio Institutional in 2013. He is the author of numerous books on pensions including a four volume loose-leaf *Pensions Law and Practice*, (Sweet & Maxwell), the *Pension Trustees Handbook* (7th ed, 2013, Thorogood) and is editor of *Pensions Benefits Law Reports*. His book, *Pension Fund Investment Law* (which deals in detail with ESG principles) was published by Bloomsbury Professional in 2008, and he co-authored *Pensions and Divorce* (Lime Legal) published in 2010. His most recent books, *Pensions for you and your business*, (Crimson) and *Halsbury's Laws Volume 80: Pensions* (Butterworths) were published in 2013, and a study of the excesses of regulation, *Red Tape*, is being published by Cambridge University Press later this year. He is Visiting Professor in Pensions Law and Economics at Cass Business School, City University London, and a frequent broadcaster on radio and television on pensions matters. He is a former Chairman of the Pensions and Lifetime Savings Association (formerly the National Association of Pension Funds).



Tim Gardener has recently joined **Aon** as a Partner in their investment consulting team. In this capacity he will be providing expert investment advice to a number of Aon's clients and will contribute to the development of their intellectual capital. He is also a member of the investment committees of a small number of UK pension funds and other institutional investors where he gives advice on a range of investment matters with particular emphasis on broad investment strategy and investment governance. Prior to joining Aon, Tim was Global Head of AXA Investment Manager's Institutional Client Group responsible for the strategic direction of institutional business development globally and for working with some of AXA's larger clients and prospects on bespoke investment solutions. Tim holds a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics from the University of Birmingham. He is also a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries (FIA) and a regular speaker at investment conferences around the world.



Andrew Harman, CFA, joined **First State Investments** in 2008. He became a Portfolio Manager within the Multi-Asset Solutions team in 2010. In 2015 Andrew launched the flagship Diversified Growth Fund for the UK market which has had strong performance since inception. His responsibilities include research, market analysis and construction of proprietary investment models. Andrew holds a Bachelor of Business (Banking and Finance) from Queensland University of Technology and a Graduate Certificate in Mathematics from the University of Technology, Sydney



Alex Koriath heads **Cambridge Associates'** UK and European pension practice and is based in London. He has worked with a variety of pension funds and other institutional investors on asset allocation strategy, portfolio construction and management, manager selection and investment programme evaluation. Alex's current client base includes UK and European pension schemes as well as one of the largest social security funds in the Middle East. Prior to joining CA, Alex served as a Director and Head of Manager Research in KPMG's Investment advisory team. He led a number of large client relationships and was responsible for the direction and shape of the investment advice delivered. Before joining KPMG, Alex had gained investment experience at Hewitt Bacon & Woodrow and Allianz Group.



Oliver Jaegemann leads the **AMX business**. He has overall responsibility for running and developing the exchange. Oliver originally joined Willis Towers Watson in 2003, then gained experience at Russell Investments and Asset Management Finance, before returning in 2012 to build the funds business, of which he became the Global Head of Product before transitioning to AMX.



Alan Pickering is Chairman of **BESTrustees** and a Trustee of a number of pension schemes. These include The Plumbing Industry Pension Scheme which he chairs and the People's Pension. Alan chairs the governance group of the Royal Mail Statutory Pension Scheme. He was a Trustee of the Kosovo Pensions Savings Trust between 2011 and 2015. Until February 2013, he chaired the financial literacy charity, Life Academy. He has served as a non-executive director of The Pensions Regulator having previously been a member of the Occupational Pensions Board. Alan is a past Chairman of the National Association of Pension Funds (NAPF), now known as the Pensions and Lifetime Savings Association (PLSA) and the European Federation for Retirement Provision (EFRP). His Government sponsored report "A Simpler Way to Better Pensions" was published in July 2002. He is a member of the Rules Committee of the British Horseracing Authority and Vice President of the Racehorse Owners Association.



Pascal Spielmann is an Executive Director at **LGT Investment Partners Ltd**, Head Investment Strategy and a member of the Alpha Generix Investment Committee. Before joining the firm in 2015, Mr Spielmann was the Managing Director and Chief Investment Officer of Meridian Capital Holding Ltd, the liquid alternatives investment arm of a large and sophisticated Swiss family office. Mr Spielmann successfully managed the firm's global tactical asset allocation (GTAA) portfolio for over ten years, realizing consistent results by combining direct risk taking with specialist third-party mandates. Prior to 2002, he founded and built up a web-based market place for the agricultural industry. From 1995 through 2000, Mr Spielmann was a strategy consultant and engagement manager at McKinsey & Company, Inc., based in Zurich, Milan and London and advised clients in the financial, pharmaceutical and the industrial sectors. Mr Spielmann holds a Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of St. Gallen (HSG) and a Master's degree in International Management from the Community of European Management Schools (CEMS). He further holds the Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst (CAIA) designation.

Conference Notes

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