

LDI Strategies & Risk Management Developments For Pension Funds

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Programme

08.30 **Registration and coffee**

09.00 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

TREVOR COOK, MANAGING DIRECTOR, SPECIALIST PENSION SERVICES

09.10 **Setting the Scene**

MODERATOR: JOHN NESTOR, CLIENT DIRECTOR, CAPITAL CRANFIELD

Liability Aware Investing – Market Overview and the benefits of an Integrated approach

Several years of volatile markets and historically low long-term interest rates have taken their toll on DB pension schemes and many now face a common deficit problem. In the current market environment how beneficial is LDI? The benefits of an integrated approach will be explored including a real life case study.

MARK FOSTER, INVESTMENT DIRECTOR, PENSIONS SOLUTIONS, STANDARD LIFE INVESTMENTS

Diversified Liability Matching Framework Approach

Ongoing and new challenges faced by pension schemes. Limitation of current LDI solutions. Role of different asset classes and strategies. Integrating cash flow generating assets alongside existing LDI strategies. Managing a diversified liability matching portfolio overtime.

BENOIT JACQUEMONT, SENIOR INVESTMENT DIRECTOR CAMBRIDGE ASSOCIATES

10.25 **Coffee / Tea**

10.55 **Infrastructure Debt & Other**

Opportunities

MODERATOR: TO BE CONFIRMED

Infrastructure Debt - a real LDI Alternative

With negative real yields on U.K. Index linked Gilts at every maturity, inflation linked infrastructure debt offers a genuine alternative to "traditional" LDI strategies, forming part of a pension fund's matching allocation. Having partnered with UK pension funds ranging in size from <£500m to £20bn+, we will provide insights into how our clients have approached their allocations to infrastructure debt and share the types of investments that provide the long-dated and inflation-linked contractual cashflows that pension funds require to match their liabilities.

CLAIRE SMITH, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, MACQUARIE ASSET MANAGEMENT

Strategies to Increase Return Opportunities

Can you really maintain an LDI strategy, whilst still looking to add return when opportunities present themselves without exposing the fund to undue risk; this session looks at the opportunities available.

KARIN FRANCIERIES, AMUNDI ASSET MANAGEMENT

12.10 **Drinks and Lunch**

13.30 **Behavioural Economics & Looking to the Future**

Moderator: RICHARD SOPER, CHAIRMAN, FIRST UK BUS PENSION SCHEME

The Guns, Germs and Steel of Hedge Funds: Why Geography Matters

A look at behavioural economics, particularly risk and inequality aversions, asset pricing with a focus on discount rates: the psychology and the maths that determine them, together with current economics and a look at recent crises and the impact on pension funds.

SPEAKER TO BE CONFIRMED

The Future of Liability Driven Investment

Where are we now and where do we go from here? What should pension funds do when investors are so risk averse that they are more concerned with the return of their capital than their return on capital? Does investing in long dated government bonds make any sort of sense anymore?

CAROLINE ALLENSBY-GREEN, PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT CONSULTANT, AON HEWITT

14.45 **Coffee / Tea**

15.05 **Pension Fund Investor Insights**

Moderator: RICHARD SOPER, CHAIRMAN, FIRST UK BUS PENSION SCHEME

A panel of pension scheme executives and trustees will talk about their pension current investment strategies and experiences. Panelists to include:

CHRIS WOOD, PENSIONS INVESTMENT MANAGER, MICHELIN TYRE PLC

PAUL EVANS, SENIOR INVESTMENT ANALYST, FIXED INCOME AND LDI, LLOYDS BANKING GROUP – PENSIONS INVESTMENTS

IAN WILSON, TRUSTEE, EDS PENSION SCHEME

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

Speaker bios



Mark Foster joined **Standard Life Investments** in early 2011 and is leading the continued development of our Liability Aware investment capability. He works closely with the fund management, product development and business teams on ensuring that our investment strategies are accurately communicated and promoting the ongoing development of our investment propositions in the marketplace. He leads the Pensions Solutions team and is on the Global Investment Specialist Group management team as well as the Global Product Operating Committee. Mark has 18 years' experience in the industry, working as an actuary and an investment consultant. He has an MA (Hons) in Economics and Mathematics from the University of Edinburgh, the IMC and is a Fellow of the Faculty of Actuaries



Karin Franceris joined **Amundi** in 2015, as a Senior Investment Manager in charge of developing the Solutions effort of the Global Multi-Asset team. Leveraging the insight of Amundi's strong research, the Solutions' experts customize solutions to institutional investors' specific needs leaning on the Multi-Asset wide investment expertise (open/closed architecture, active/passive, benchmark/absolute return), and Amundi's state-of-the-art execution platform. Prior to that, she spent 17 years with JPMorgan in London and New York where she was most recently in charge of the Strategy team, a group focused on offering customized investment solutions and research to institutional investors. She started her career in investment banking where she spent 5 years in Mergers & Acquisitions and 3 years in Credit & Rates fitting derivative based solutions to European pension funds' needs. Karin is a CFA Charterholder and graduated from ESCP in Paris in 1997.



Benoit Jacquemont is a Senior Investment Director in **Cambridge Associates'** Pensions Practice and is based in London. He is responsible for advising pension schemes on their liability driven investments and for developing the firm outsourced-CIO proposition in the UK. Prior to joining Cambridge Associates, Benoit spent 12 years in investment management and investment consultancy advising and implementing investment solutions for UK and European pension funds. He started his career as a fixed income quantitative analyst at Barclays Global Investors focusing on the structuring of LDI solutions for corporate pension plans. Prior to joining Cambridge Associates, Benoit was a senior portfolio manager responsible for the implementation of LDI strategies and tactical fixed income overlays for fiduciary mandates at Cardano Risk Management.



Claire Smith works in the Investor Solutions team within the **Macquarie Asset Management's** Infrastructure Debt team (MIDIS). The MIDIS Investor Solutions team is responsible for fundraising, structuring, client servicing and integration of clients' liability matching requirements into the investment process. Prior to joining MIDIS, Claire held a number of fund management, structured product and structured finance roles within Macquarie. With over 12 years of experience, Claire has been involved in the development and implementation of structured finance initiatives, managed funds and structured investment solutions for both wholesale and institutional client bases covering a wide variety of asset classes including mortgages, equities, commodities, currencies, listed property and infrastructure debt.

Conference Notes

Purpose: This conference will aim to examine a range of liability driven asset strategies and risk management techniques in order to help pension funds to understand the risks associated with different investment approaches and how these might best be managed and controlled and the impact of the various methods at the overall fund level

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