

Conference Programme

- 9.00am** *Registration and coffee*
- 9.45am** *Chair's introduction and overview*
Allan Course, Independent Pension Scheme Trustee, Capital Cranfield Trustees
- 10.05am** **Scheme health check**
Trustees need an accurate measurement of their scheme's liabilities before they can implement an appropriate investment strategy. How can they ensure that their funding valuations are reliable?
- 10.30am** **Buy-out: considerations for trustees and sponsoring employers**
For those considering defined benefit pension buy-out there are a range of factors that will influence the decision, including price, funding, timing and legal aspects. Not least of these is the choice of provider. This session will be addressing the options that are available
Mark Wood; Chief Executive, Paternoster
- 10.50am** *Q&A & Interactive voting*
11.05am *Coffee break*
- 11.30am** **LDI and the credit crisis – threat or opportunity?**
Will weakness in the banking sector undermine the rapid growth in Liability Driven Investment strategies? Or are they even more important than ever? Hear how a successful LDI strategy can mitigate potential credit risk and significantly reduce the impact of a bank defaulting on its obligations even before the first swap is traded.
Shalin Bhagwan, Derivative Structurer, Legal & General Investment Management
- 11.50am** **Real Assets: Preparing for an Inflationary Regime**
How should investors manage their strategic asset allocation in readiness for the secular, macro expectation for increasing inflationary pressures? We look at how real assets can diversify and protect your portfolio during this regime shift, if applied before the shift has completed.
Antoinette Eltz; Product Manager, European and UK Real Return strategies, Pimco
- 12.10pm** **Absolute return strategies moving mainstream**
In a more uncertain and volatile environment for equity markets there is a growing desire by pension funds to diversify. Increasingly, alternative assets are being used to meet future liabilities and provide a more stable profile of returns. Various forces are coming together that are accelerating interest in absolute return strategies.
Andy Sowerby, Managing Director, Martin Currie Investment Management
- 12.30pm** *Q&A & Interactive voting*
12.45pm *Lunch*
- 1.45pm** **Private Equity – Numbers Demystified**
Private equity has become a foundational asset class for many corporate and public pension funds. However, measures of private equity performance, benchmarks, allocations and exposure remain inconsistent and confusing. This session will provide practical quantitative approaches to help you measure your private equity exposure.
Marwan Naja, Head of Private Equity, Pictet Asset Management
- 2.05pm** **Emerging Market Equities: Issues and Opportunities**
Is it still a good time to be investing in emerging markets? What are the issues facing investors looking to enter these markets? And what are the factors involved in the selection of managers? These are just a few of the questions that will be addressed during this session.
Mark Roxburgh, Executive Officer, Nomura Asset Management
- 2.25pm** **Money Markets – How to make your cash work**
International money markets remain fragile and strained and most experts warn that they will not return to normalcy for years. So how can schemes ensure that they make the best use of their cash in such a difficult market? This session will provide some clues.

2.45pm

Investment options for DC members

With the majority of member contributions being directed into the default option, trustees should be considering a new breed of Total Return Funds and Alternatives as the scheme default option. As DC schemes are gaining critical mass, better alternatives to the default options that are currently available should be considered.

Olivia Mayell, Vice President, Portfolio Manager for the Global Multi-Asset Group, JP Morgan Asset Management

3.05pm

Q&A & Interactive voting

3.15pm

Coffee Break

3.35pm

Key Note Speaker *Followed by Panel Discussion*

4.35pm

Chair's closing remarks

4.40pm

Networking Drinks

Please note: programme is subject to change

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