

INVESTMENT STRATEGIES IN A RISK FRAMEWORK FOR PENSION FUNDS

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Programme

08.30 **Registration and coffee**

09.00 **Welcome and Opening Address**

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

“Taking responsibility: how to communicate with board members and trustees in terms of risk”

How can boards best ensure that they know what is happening to their fund and stay in control of policy? Linking Liabilities to Assets Communication channels

PETER KRANEVELD, SECRETARY, A-ERE

“Prospects for Emerging and Frontier Markets in 2010 and beyond”

How to invest in a multi-asset manner to capture value.

NIALL QUINN, MANAGING DIRECTOR, EATON
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“Currency Risk Management from a UK pension (sterling based) Perspective”

What is currency risk and how does it add to the over all portfolio risk? Examples of how it might have effected a sterling based investor in 2009; - What are the approaches to managing it: Leave unhedged, partial hedge/fully hedged, active hedging? The rationale for the different approaches and the evidence to support active hedging.

SPEAKER TBC, BNY MELLON ASSET
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11.00 COFFEE / TEA

11.30 **Balancing Risk and Reward in Equity Investment**

“Identifying and Managing Risk across Emerging Equity Portfolio”

In today's fast-changing markets, portfolio managers need to understand not just the fundamentals of the stocks in their portfolios, but how they behave relative to each other and the characteristics and any style biases of the portfolio itself. Why are the days of using tracking error alone long gone? Should smart managers now use a combination of style and macroeconomic sensitivity analysis to measure intended and unintended biases in the portfolio, and to aid in portfolio construction?

JAMES SYME, HEAD OF THE GLOBAL EMERGING
MARKETS EQUITY TEAM, BARING ASSET
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“Managing Risk in Equity Investments”

How can a dynamic tactical asset allocation, within the boundaries of a strategic mix, bridge long term objectives with short term realities? How can absolute and relative risk in the equity allocation be addressed? A look at how a TAA model can assist in dynamic asset allocation and provide a structure to actively manage beta exposure. Examining the merits of incorporating market volatility components to reduce drawdowns in investment portfolios.

CHRISTIAN RAUBACH, MANAGING PARTNER,
WEGELIN & CO.

12.50 **Drinks and Lunch**

14.10 **Looking for Opportunities**

“Opportunities and Risks in Emerging Market Credit”

Why has Emerging Market Corporate debt been one of the fastest growing asset classes over the last few years? Improved macro fundamentals of Emerging Markets, further spread compression in Developed Markets credit and uncertainty in equity markets' valuations increased investors' interest in Emerging Markets credit supported by strong fundamentals and attractive valuations. While the asset class trades at a discount and is alpha rich, what are the key fundamental and technical risks?

POLINA KURDYAVKO, EM CORPORATES
PORTFOLIO MANAGER, BLUEBAY ASSET
MANAGEMENT

“Enhancing Portfolio Optimization Through Infrastructure”

How Infrastructure as an emerging asset class can provide an effective absolute return strategy to match long duration inflation linked pension liabilities? Can it develop into its own asset class and segment by geography, sector and risk profile? How has it performed against other asset classes during the recent volatile markets? What about governance, transparency, alignment and operational skills surrounding funds?

DANNY LATHAM, HEAD OF INFRASTRUCTURE
INVESTMENTS – EUROPE, FIRST STATE
INVESTMENTS

15.30 COFFEE / TEA

15.50 **Risk Control**

“Using Fiduciary management to Manage Risk”

How can a Fiduciary be used to better manage your pension fund's risk exposure?

ALWIN OERLEMANS, DIRECTOR, CLIENT
SOLUTIONS, APG INSTITUTIONAL CLIENTS

16.30 **Close of Conference** & drinks reception

Speaker Biographies



Peter Kraneveld is the Secretary at **A-ERE** (Association for European Retirement Education). An economist by training, he has a long history of working with pension funds and other institutional shareholders. He recently completed an eight year stint working with Dutch pension fund PGGM, a public pension fund for the healthcare sector in the Netherlands, and one of the largest pension funds in Europe. Prior to his work with PGGM, Peter worked with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs. He serves as an advisor to SBTK on issues such as corporate governance, shareholder rights and activism and how these fit into the interests of the firm's large international client base of pension funds and other institutional investors.



Polina Kurdyavko joined **BlueBay** in July 2005 from UBS where she worked as a Credit Analyst in EMEA corporate research. Her role involved secondary coverage of CEEMEA issuers and research support for primary issuance of select corporates. Prior to this, Polina was with Alliance Capital where she started as an emerging markets equity analyst and then moved on to pioneer emerging markets quantitative research at Alliance. Polina holds an MSc (Hons) in Finance from the People's Friendship University of Russia, Moscow and is a CFA charterholder.



Danny Latham was appointed Head of Infrastructure Investments, Europe at **First State Investments** in November 2007. He has overall responsibility for the European infrastructure business, with a primary focus on origination, execution and management of infrastructure assets, portfolio management and client interface for the European Infrastructure fund and client mandates. In his prior role he was a Director of RREEF Infrastructure based in London, where he was responsible for fundraising, deal origination and execution and sat on the investment committee for the European business. Danny has over 13 years of direct infrastructure investment experience as a fiduciary including 3 years at RREEF Infrastructure, a Deutsche Bank Subsidiary, and was a founding member of the AMP Group's infrastructure team in 1994. He has held board positions on Northern Gas Networks Ltd (North of England gas distribution network), Australia Pacific Airports Corporation (Melbourne and Launceston airports), Epic Energy Group (gas transmission), United Energy Limited (electricity distribution), Yallourn Energy Ltd (power generation), Comindico Holdings (broadband networks), Multinet Gas (gas distribution), Pulse Energy (energy retailing), Arrow Systems Pty Ltd (health), NSW Rent Buy Pty Ltd (social housing), Asian Infrastructure Fund and was an Investment Committee member for the AMP / UTI Indian Infrastructure Fund. Danny was an Executive Committee Member and Board Director of the Australian Council for Infrastructure Development, and a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Danny has a Bachelor of Economics and a Master of Applied Finance from Macquarie University.

Alwin Oerlemans is Director Client Solutions for **APG Institutional Clients** at the recently merged APG Group (ABP) with Cordares. Alwin was previously Senior Business Developer at Cordares; Head Financial Markets Research and General Secretary at NIBC; Senior Policy Advisor AFEP - BFB at Ministerie van Financien Researcher/Assistant Professor at Universiteit Maastricht and Research assistant at Nationale Nederlanden. Alwin is a member of the CFA Institute and the Global Association of Risk Professionals. He was educated at Universiteit Maastricht.



Niall Quinn is Managing Director of **Eaton Vance Management (International) Ltd.**, and has responsibility for the firm's London office and for its business in Europe, The Middle East & Asia. Eaton Vance is an independent, U.S., investment management firm. Eaton Vance manages in excess of US\$120bn of client assets across a range of active equity and fixed income strategies, with key competences in Bank Loans, High Yield, and U.S. Equities & Emerging Market Equities. Prior to taking up his current position in February 2009 Niall was Head of Business Development at Gartmore Investment Management Limited. From 1998 to 2005 Niall worked at Goldman Sachs International in a number of roles, most recently as an Executive Director in the European Pensions & Insurance Strategy Group. Niall graduated from the University of Dublin, Trinity College with a BA (Hons. Mod, TSM) in Economics & Philosophy in 1995 and holds the Investment Management Certificate (IMC).



Christian Raubach is Managing Partner and Head of Institutional Clients International at **Wegelin & Co.** Before joining Wegelin & Co., he was a partner at McKinsey & Company's Greater China office in China, Taiwan and Hong Kong. He co-authored the book titled "Banking in Asia – Acquiring a Profit Mindset" and was a frequent columnist in Asia's financial papers with articles on capital market topics. He received his Ph.D. in Finance from the University of St. Gallen. Christian Raubach grew up in St. Gallen and is a Swiss citizen.



James Syme is the Head of **Baring Asset Management's** Global Emerging Markets Equities Team, which covers 28 countries on 4 continents. He joined Baring Asset Management in 2006 from SG Asset Management in London, where he spent a total of nine years, three of them as Head of Global Emerging Markets. Before joining SG Asset Management, James spent three years at Henderson Investors as an emerging markets portfolio manager. James holds a BA in Geography from Cambridge University. He received his CFA designation in 1997.

Conference Notes

Purpose: This conference will help pension funds to review their investment strategy and to understand the risks associated with different approaches and how these can be managed and controlled. We will consider the benefits of diversification for the more mainstream asset classes such as bonds and equities as well as looking at applications for alternative and for sustainable investment strategies and how incorporating such strategies into an overall portfolio can improve a funds risk management

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