

Investing for Pension Funds: Challenges in 2012

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Financial stress persisted through 2011, resulting in heightened equity market volatility and rising appetite for any sovereign debt deemed to be “safe.” As investment advisors to a wide range of pension funds, foundations, endowments, and charities across Europe and North America, we are acutely aware of the impact of investment markets on our clients’ commitment to meet the expectations of key stakeholders.

Those with fiduciary responsibility for pension funds and other asset pools need to assess levels of risk and the outlook for different asset classes while also contending with an ever-changing regulatory environment. In particular, defined contribution (DC) plans continue to evolve as they grow in size and importance around the world. On our 2012 global webinar, we’ll share:

- Our latest thinking on the outlook for major asset class returns in 2012 and beyond
- An analysis of the turmoil in the Eurozone, and the implications for U.K. and North American economies
- An outlook for North American investment markets in a U.S. presidential election year
- Highlights from our experience and industry data regarding defined contribution trends in North America and Europe
- A summary of the implications of new legal requirements and best practices in DC compliance

This webinar will allow ample time for questions and answers.

Audience

This webinar is intended for finance, HR leaders, and trustees representing defined benefit (DB) and DC plans across the U.S., Canada, and the U.K. Please feel free to share this invitation with your colleagues.

Speakers

Steven White, PhD, Buck Global Investment Advisors (BGIA) Leader
Steven advises U.K.-based pension plan clients on all aspects of their investment arrangements, who benefit from his 20 years of research and practical experience with DB and DC plans with assets between \$2 million and \$2 billion. Steven specializes in the development of economic models and risk analysis tools to formulate advice on dynamic asset allocation policies.

Simon Hill, MA, Chartered MCSI, Chief Investment Officer, BGIA – U.K.

Simon advises pension funds and institutional clients on investment strategy and investment manager selection. He is a member of the Economic Assumptions Group and chairs the Global and U.K. Manager Review Committees. Having trained as an economist and financial journalist, he has over 35 years of experience in the investment management industry, including investment advisory and fund management roles in leading U.K. and global investment institutions.

Martha Spano, CFA, Principal, Senior Investment Consultant, BGIA

Martha is responsible for all aspects of investment consulting inclusive of governance, investments, manager structure and selection, and performance monitoring. She has specific DC experience, including vendor search and management, manager and portfolio construction, conversion from mutual fund platforms to separate accounts, retirement income solutions, and de-accumulation funds. Martha is a frequent speaker at industry conferences.

About Buck Global Investment Advisors

BGIA unites the investment research and consulting capabilities of Buck Consultants globally. With more than 50 investment professionals, advising around \$85 billion in pension plan and endowment assets, BGIA assists approximately 400 clients in reviewing and monitoring asset allocation strategies, selecting investment managers and DC plan providers, maintaining investment policy statements, and evaluating investment performance. BGIA maintains research and fund ratings on a wide range of investment managers and products worldwide, and is a center of excellence for macro-economic research and risk management.

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