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Should the super industry invest more in fixed interest?

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Opening speaker: The Hon. Al Gore, Former Vice President of the United States of America and Co-Founder and Chairman of Generation Investment Management

The Australian super industry is facing a demographic shift as 4.4 million baby boomers start to make long-term financial decisions regarding their retirement. A key consideration will be how they can invest in a way that protects capital and delivers returns.

Late last year, Treasurer Wayne Swan convened a forum of senior members of the financial services industry to discuss whether the superannuation sector, as the largest institutional investor in the economy, can play a role in supporting the development of a deep and liquid Australian corporate bond market.

With the growing concern that access to overseas debt will get harder and more expensive due to the likelihood of continued turmoil in Europe and the US, experts predict that the demand for fixed interest assets is likely to increase. Questions have also been raised about the way in which superannuation funds invest, whether we are fulfilling our investment and economic role, in particular whether our current investment approach is sustainable and as such, the need to have this difficult conversation is now.

As part of its key business strategy of driving thought leadership on the economic and investment role of the superannuation pool, ASFA will host an Investment Interchange Series. The first of the series will debate and discuss whether the super industry should invest more in fixed interest.

This special event will be opened by The Honorable Al Gore. The growing global population coupled with climate change, means that a series of interconnected megatrends such as food security, water scarcity and energy price rises, will make for a volatile world. The impact of which will flow to investment markets. Vice President Gore, who fully understands these megatrends and is well placed to comment on the retirement issues of baby boomers, will set the scene with a big picture presentation on sustainable capitalism and long-term investing.

Leading figures from the financial services industry will then canvass how the industry can manage future volatility and the role of fixed interest investments, which promise to offer investors lower volatility. The time to have this debate is now.

What will be discussed?

The approach will be to have a discussion that involves systemic and structural considerations, such as:

- Is our current asset allocation suitable for a volatile investment environment?
- What is the role of fixed interest investments in post-retirement investment?
- What is the appropriate response to ever changing demographics
- Are stable fixed interest investments available?
- Is there an opportunity to create a deep and liquid corporate bond market in Australia or support the development of infrastructure investments?

Who will be attending to contribute to the debate?

- The super industry's CEOs, CIOs and trustees
- Investment professionals
- Portfolio managers
- Fund managers
- Asset consultants
- Product developers
- Financial planners and advisers
- Business development/client relationship managers
- Senior Treasury representatives

Event Host



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Event Program

10.00 – 10.30am	Registration (Ballroom foyer) Morning tea served on arrival
10.30 – 10.40am	WELCOME ADDRESS Pauline Vamos, ASFA CEO
10.40 – 11.40am	OPENING KEYNOTE / SESSION 1 Sustainable Capitalism Speaker: The Hon. Al Gore, Former Vice President of the United States of America and Co-Founder and Chairman, Generation Investment Management
11.45am – 12.15pm	SESSION 2a Super's role in funding the economy and creating stable retirement income <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sources of funding for the Australian economy • The changing demographics of super • Implications for asset allocation and the role of fixed interest Speaker: Dominic Stevens, Former CEO, Challenger Limited
12.20 – 12.50pm	SESSION 2b Let's analyse the fixed interest market <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the issues? • Is there a gap and if so, how can we fix it? Speaker: Doug McTaggart, CEO, QIC
12.50 – 1.45pm	NETWORKING LUNCH Guest Speaker: Ken Henry, Former Treasury Secretary, Adviser to the Federal Government and Board member of National Australia Bank
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1.50 – 3.50pm	SESSION 3 Panel session – Canvassing the issues together The key issues to be canvassed during this session are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should the super industry be putting more into fixed interest now or wait for demographic shift? • Is there a role for the industry to encourage an Australian corporate bond market? • How should the super industry answer critics that say it's not doing its job as an institutional investor? • Should the industry be reacting in the short term to market volatility? • What are the governance issues for funds? To provide context, each discussion point will be introduced with a short presentation. Former Chair of the Super System Review, Jeremy Cooper , will introduce the first discussion point and provide commentary on the relevant recommendations from the Review. The audience will also have the opportunity to ask questions of the panel. Panel Facilitator: Dr Don Stammer Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vincent Chin, Head of Treasury, Goldman • Jeremy Duffield, Chairman, The Australian Centre for Financial Studies • Elmer Funke Kupper, CEO, ASX • Brad Holzberger, Chief Investment Officer, QSuper • Simon Maidment, Head of Group Funding and Execution, Group Treasury, Commonwealth Bank • Ken Marshman, Head of Investment Outcomes, JANA Investment Advisers
3.50pm – 4.00pm	CLOSING REMARKS Pauline Vamos, ASFA CEO
4.00pm – 5.00pm	NETWORKING DRINKS (Ballroom foyer)