

PROGRAM

Monday 22 July 2019, Sydney

	Session	Speakers and chairs
9.00am	Registration Tea and coffee served on arrival	
9.30am	Welcome and opening address	Dr Martin Fahy, Chief Executive Officer, ASFA
9.40am	Session 1 Redefining modern portfolio theory How are DC funds evolving and how can we think differently about both the accumulation and retirement phases. Is it time to redefine modern portfolio theory?	Roger Urwin, Global Head of Investment Content, Willis Towers Watson (via video conference) Chair: Brett Elvish, Deputy Chair, Investment & Economics Council
10.30am	Session 2 We need to talk about benchmarks Are we really comparing like with like? What metrics should funds look to in assessing their members' retirement outcomes, and how might these be applied in the context of a 'member outcomes' assessment across industry? Have static asset allocation benchmarks had their day, or is a more sophisticated approach required?	Anna Shelley, Chief Investment Officer, Catholic Super David Bell, Independent Researcher and Academic Nigel Wilkin-Smith, Director, Portfolio Construction, Future Fund Chair: Brett Elvish, Deputy Chair, Investment & Economics Council
11.10am	Morning tea	

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11.30am	<p>Session 3 CIOs – what’s keeping them up at night? What are Chief Investment Officers wrestling with? What are funds doing to solve the challenges within the investment space and create value for members? This will be a panel discussion looking at the big picture and the nexus between retirement outcomes and asset management performance. Do we need a change in thinking?</p>	<p>Damian Graham, Chief Investment Officer, First State Super</p> <p>Debbie Alliston, Chief Investment Officer, Multi-Asset Group, Public Markets, AMP Capital</p> <p>Ian Patrick, Chief Investment Officer, Sunsuper</p> <p>Chair: Graeme Mather, Head of Distribution, Schroders</p>
12.30pm	Lunch	
1.05pm	<p>Session 4 The private equity conundrum: Going private – do worlds align? We look at the growing appetite for private equity and buying assets outright – implications for fund portfolio agility, liquidity and fees. Is it too big a commitment in a consolidating world? Does increasing private equity investment make sense for super funds?</p>	<p>Cameron Blanks, Managing Director, Pacific Equity Partners</p> <p>Shaw Ng, Senior Partner, Roc Partners</p> <p>Tania Freeman, Senior Consultant, JANA</p> <p>Stephen Whatmore, Principal, Global Private Capital, QIC</p> <p>Chair: Craig Matthew, Director, Asia Principal Capital</p>
1.50pm	<p>Session 5 Build to rent. A true alternative? Does the build to rent market represent an exciting asset class for super funds? What are the opportunities and headwinds?</p>	<p>Christian Grahame, Head of Home, Grocon</p> <p>Luke Mackintosh, Partner, Transaction Advisory Services, EY</p> <p>Spiros Deftereos, Head of Property, Hostplus</p> <p>Chair: Rebecca Douthwaite, National Policy Manager, Property Council of Australia</p>

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2.30pm	<p>Session 6 Encouraging diversity Is achieving diversity in investment management the final frontier for funds?</p>	<p>Kristian Fok, Chief Investment Officer, Cbus</p> <p>Kim Bowater, Director of Consulting, Frontier Advisors</p> <p>Chair: Sandi Orleow, Independent Director and Investment Committee Member</p>
3.10pm	Afternoon tea	
3.30pm	<p>Session 7 Revisiting factors Can factor-based investing truly capture a long-term premium? Can investment managers successfully construct long/short portfolios to deliver additional diversification benefits? Can factors create bespoke outcomes?</p>	<p>Matthew Griffith, Head of Portfolio Construction and Risk, JANA</p> <p>Arom Pathammavong, APAC Head of Benchmarks, FTSE Russell</p> <p>John Conomos, Head of Asia Pacific Quantitative Strategy, Macquarie Group</p> <p>Chair: Sandi Orleow, Independent Director and Investment Committee Member</p>
4.10pm	<p>Session 8 Legislation, regulation, litigation, activism – what’s the way forward for ESG? ESG has undoubtedly become more mainstream and we look at the impacts and outcomes of a more integrated approach, through the lens of how funds should respond to the external forces at play. How do we live with extreme transparency?</p>	<p>Sheela Veerappan, Relationship Manager, Australasia, PRI</p> <p>Ross Piper, Chief Executive Officer, Christian Super</p> <p>Iris Davila, Director, Product Specialist, Blackrock</p> <p>Chair: Jillian Reid, Principal, Senior Responsible Investment Specialist, Mercer</p>
4.50pm	Wrap up and closing remarks	Dr Martin Fahy, Chief Executive Officer, ASFA
5.00pm	Networking drinks	
5.30pm	Event concludes	