

The DB STRATEGIC INVESTMENT FORUM is designed as an annual reality check for leading pensions executives to compare notes with one another and other key stakeholders on vital developments affecting the investment and management of their plans. These are its distinguishing characteristics:

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| Delegates: | Our delegates are exclusively senior DB pension executives attending on an invitation-only basis. This provides a very strong focus. |
| Philosophy: | There is nobody from whom you can learn more, or who can learn more from you, than someone else performing the same job at another pension plan. |
| Independence: | DG Publishing are not affiliated with any stakeholder organisation in the pensions industry. We have no product of our own to promote - our only goal is to deliver a conference of the greatest benefit to participants. |
| Advisory Board: | The agenda is driven entirely by our Advisory Board comprised of leading practitioners in DB pensions, thus ensuring its value and relevance and making excellent use of time for participants. |
| Interaction: | All the expert moderators are encouraged to involve the entire audience in the debates, not just the speakers on the stage. |
| Engagement: | Keynote speakers and thought leaders do not participate as mere experts. They typically attend the entire event and are there to listen, learn and engage as much as anyone else. |
| Openness: | All sessions at the conference are conducted under the Chatham House Rule, encouraging an open and candid exchange of views throughout the proceedings. |
| Devil's Advocates: | A rotating panel of Devil's Advocates, comprised of senior pensions officers, is on call throughout the day to pose challenging questions to all the speakers and panellists. |
| Sponsors: | Sponsors represent advisory firms who are major thought leaders in the industry. There are accorded non-promotional speaking roles on topics of known and direct interest to pension fund delegates. |
| Networking: | We recognise that informal exchanges among delegates are every bit as valuable as information imparted in the formal sessions. The conference is structured to allow ample time for this. |
| Audience Polling: | Extensive use is made of electronic audience polling to generate "instant research" from delegates across a range of key issues. |
| Tackling the issues: | The agenda does not shy away from controversial topics or contrarian viewpoints. This stimulates debate in a very healthy way. |
| Overall Objective: | To create the conditions by which the most practically valuable and open conversations take place among the delegates, with a view to being a centre of excellence where opinions are formed. |