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The world's largest 300 pension funds



Our annual study of the world's largest 300 pension funds shows a picture of persistent asset growth - over 50% on a five-year cumulative basis - to peak at a new record of US\$23.6 trillion. Yet growth has been slowing and pension funds can expect to face elevated macro uncertainty, adding to the challenge of balancing short-term financial resilience with long-term financial and climate sustainability. At the same time the industry has obligations to push forward with its sustainability agenda, acknowledging this is not its primary goal, but is a prime goal.

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Top1000funds ARTICLE: What's in a name?

It's time to step up on sustainable investing, not an excuse to give up.

Roger Urwin writes about how ESG is going through an identity crisis with some dismissive commentators risking a derailment of the many associated industry efforts towards greater sustainability. He asserts that executing on sustainability impact is a primary industry goal and ESG activities are still the best route we have for achieving it, despite its limitations. [Read article](#)



PODCAST: Hybrid working

In the first episode of our new podcast series - *Investing for Tomorrow* - Roger Urwin, Marisa Hall and Isabella Martin discuss hybrid working and how it might affect investment organisations into the future. [Listen here](#)



PRESS RELEASE: New reporting standard



VIDEO: 20 years of Thinking Ahead

Marisa Hall interviews Roger Urwin and Tim Hodgson about the origin story, the highlights, the pitfalls and the future. They share their passion for collaboration and co-creation with members on this journey into the

We recently released the open-source computer code to facilitate implementation of our Fundamental Return Attribution (FRA) framework, which we believe could transform investment industry reporting if widely adopted.

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future, in search of real innovation and big-idea success.

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NEWS

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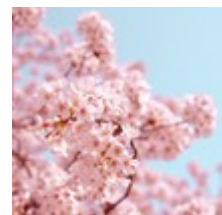
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About the Thinking Ahead Institute

The Thinking Ahead Institute was established in January 2015 and is a global not-for-profit investment research and innovation member group made up of engaged institutional asset owners and service providers committed to mobilising capital for a sustainable future. It has over 50 members around the world and is an outgrowth of the Thinking Ahead Group which was set up in 2002. Learn more at thinkingaheadinstitute.org.

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