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Grapevine | Global Pension Assets Study



This edition includes our Financial Times-featured <u>Global Pension Assets study</u> of the seven largest markets in the world. The main finding was that, after more than a decade of uninterrupted growth, last year global pension assets recorded their largest fall since the Global Financial Crisis and now stand at US\$47.9 trillion. You can download the full study or <u>listen to the podcast</u>.

We're excited to share some news about two new industry partnerships: exploring stewardship, from a resourcing perspective, with the PRI; and collaborating with the Investment Association to produce a report addressing the current state of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in the UK asset management industry.

Also we'd like to draw your attention to our new website hubs, as well as our upcoming events.

Read Full Study



Podcast: Global Pension Assets Study

In this episode, we chat to Institute researchers Anastassia Johnson and Jessica Gao about the core themes of the study and



New website hubs

We've improved the navigation of our website and made it easier to find research and materials by creating three new hubs. Let us know what you think! the challenges faced by pension funds around the world.

Listen here



Equity, Diversity and Inclusion | IA

The Institute is partnering with the Investment
Association to produce a report addressing
the current state of Equity, Diversity and
Inclusion in the UK asset management
industry. WTW analysis shows that
organisations that prioritise DEI reduce group
think, have a more effective culture and
outperform their peers.

Press release



Resourcing stewardship | PRI

The Institute has been selected by the United Nations supported Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) to research and assess the appropriate level of resources that institutional investors should be prepared to dedicate to stewardship within their organisations. The research is well underway, with a report due out later in the year.

Press release

Upcoming events:



Manager Ideas Exchange 2023

We are delighted to inform you about WTW's **Manager Ideas Exchange** on **13-14 June** in London. This event will bring together asset managers and WTW Investments colleagues over two days of thought-provoking sessions, engagement, opportunities, and networking. To find out more about this event, please visit **this webpage**.



TABS, London

After the success of <u>TABS Australia</u>, we're even more excited about TABS London, which will be taking place on 21 November. These Thinking Ahead Breakfast Seminars are designed as a series of rapid-fire talks, in which our colleagues and members cover the 'best of' the <u>Institute's research</u>. Registration for this event is not yet open, but you can <u>express interest</u> by emailing our enquiries inbox.

Learn more about the Thinking Ahead Institute



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Our members



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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 asset managers committed to mobilising capital for a sustainable future. It has over 50 members around the world with combined responsibility for over US\$16 trillion and is an outgrowth of the Thinking Ahead Group which was set up in 2002. Learn more at thinkingaheadinstitute.org.

About WTW

At WTW (NASDAQ: WTW), we provide data-driven, insight-led solutions in the areas of people, risk and capital. Leveraging the global view and local expertise of our colleagues serving 140 countries and markets, we help you sharpen your strategy, enhance organizational resilience, motivate your workforce and maximize performance.

Working shoulder to shoulder with you, we uncover opportunities for sustainable success—and provide perspective that moves you.

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