

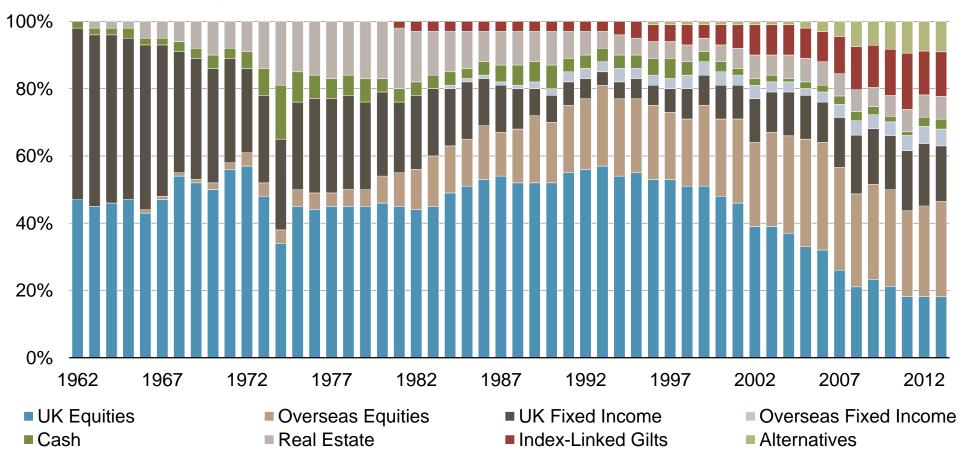
# The CIPFA Pensions Network Workshops

Meeting the Efficiency Challenge – Can you do it? London

## **Asset Allocation Trends**

#### **Average UK Pension Fund**

#### Asset allocation – average pension fund, 1962 – 2013



Source: National Statistics (until 1995), WM (1996 onwards). As at end December 2013.



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## Tactical decisions can enhance returns

#### No single asset class delivers consistent top performance

1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	ТОР
Emerging Mkt Equities	UK Property	Emerging Mkt Equities	UK Gilts	Emerging Mkt	UK Property	Emerging Mkt	UK Property	Emerging Mkt Equities	UK Gilts	Emerging Mkt Equities	UK Equities	UK Index- Linked Gilts	UK Property	US Equities	
77.5%	22.4%	7.9%	9.1%	46.7%	45.7%	35.8%	50.5%	33.6%	12.8%	62.8%	2 1.2%	21.4%	29.8%	32.4%	
UK Equities	UK Gilts	World Govmt Bonds	World Govmt Bonds	UK Equities	UK Equities	UK Equities	Emerging Mkt Equities	UK Index- Linked Gilts	World Govmt Bonds	UK Ecraties	US Equities	UK Gilts	UK Equities	Global Equities	
32.0%	8.7%	5.3%	5.3%	4.3%	19.6%	26.8%	28.8%	8.4%	8.9%	46.3%	15. %	15.7%	25%	29.6%	
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28.1%	7.7%	3.1%	8.1%	31.3%	16.4%	21.0%	27. %	5.5%	3.6%	26.5%	14.4%	5.7%	17.4%	23.4%	
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21.0%	3.1%	-1.5%	-0.2%	28.7%	11.8%	16.3%	16.1%	5.3%	-37.0%	26.5%	10.6%	2.1%	16.4%	20.8%	Position
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14.3%	1.6%	-5.0%	-7.1%	25.5%	10.9%	9.1%	15.8%	5.2%	-31.3%	13.0%	8.9%	-5.0%	16.0%	3.8%	
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4.5%	-9.1%	-9.3%	-22.1%	6.6%	7.9%	7.8%	2.7%	3.7%	-40.3%	6.2%	7.2%	-8.5%	4.5%	0.2%	
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-0.8%	-9.6%	-11.9%	-23.8%	2.2%	6.6%	4.9%	0.8%	-4.7%	-45.7%	1.0%	4.2%	·11.5%	2.6%	0.0%	
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-0.9%	-25.3%	-13.9%	-22.7%	2.1%	4.8%	3.7%	0.7%	-37.5%	-46.3	-1.1%	3.4%	-12.6%	0.8%	-4.0%	. ▼

Movement of UK Equities returns

Source: Datastream

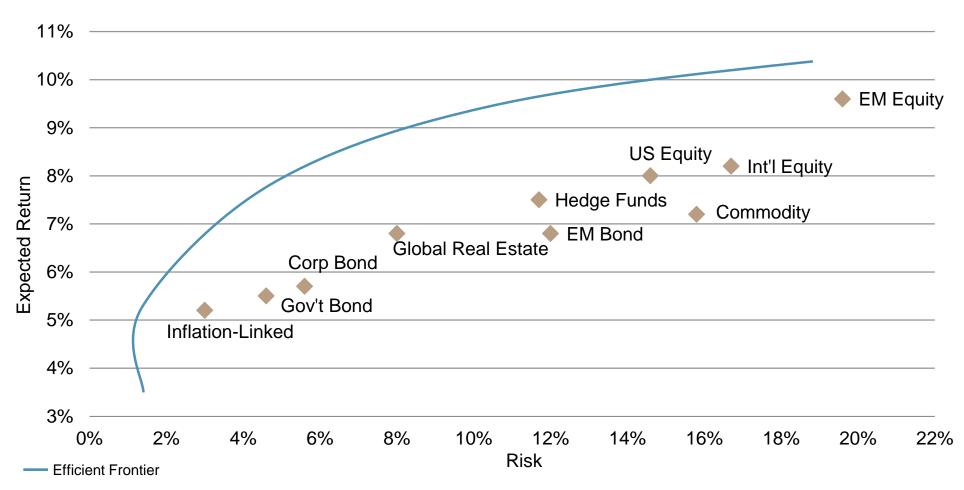
Note: Calendar year returns in local currencies.



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# Diversification helps

#### ...but correlations change over time

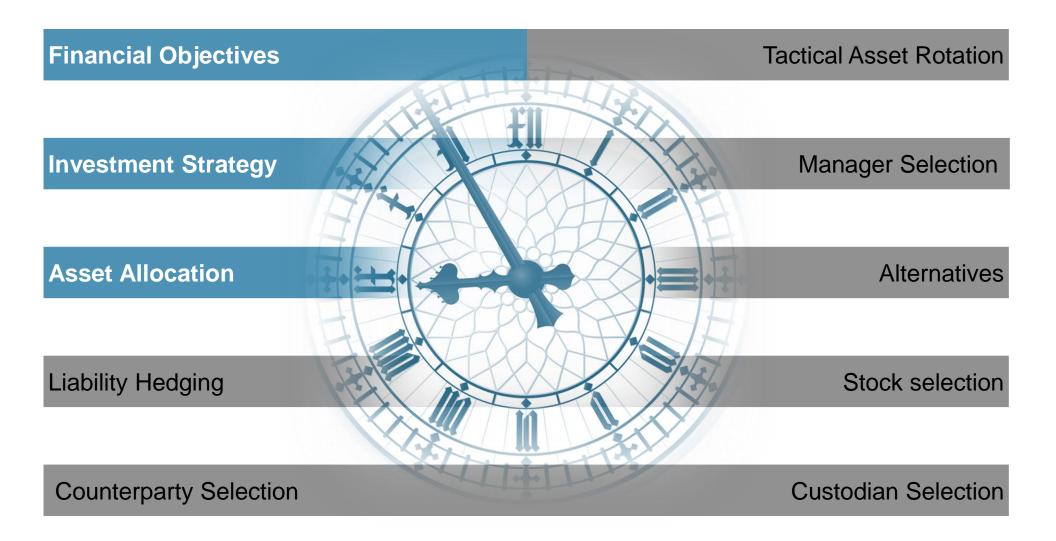


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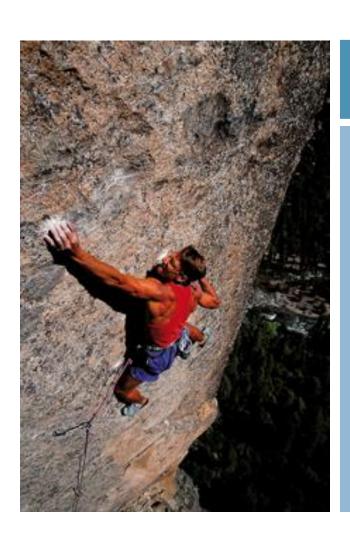
# The governance challenge

Make efficient use of time... delegation





# Risks in a pension fund



**Investment Related** 

Non-investment

Inflation

**Interest rates** 

**Credit** 

**Counterparty** 

**Currency** 

Reinvestment

Liquidity

Longevity

**Legislation changes** 

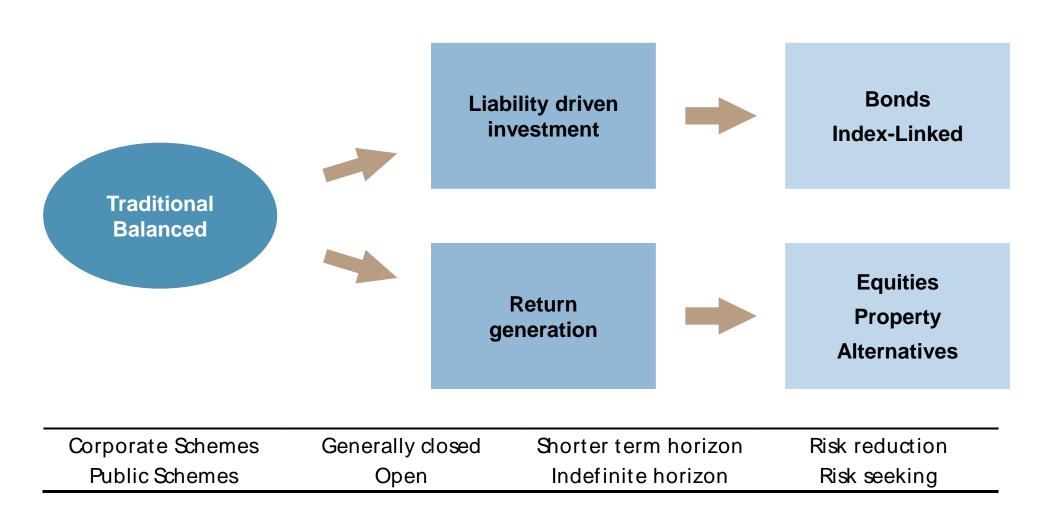
**Unions** 

**Taxpayer** 



# Current thinking in pension fund investment

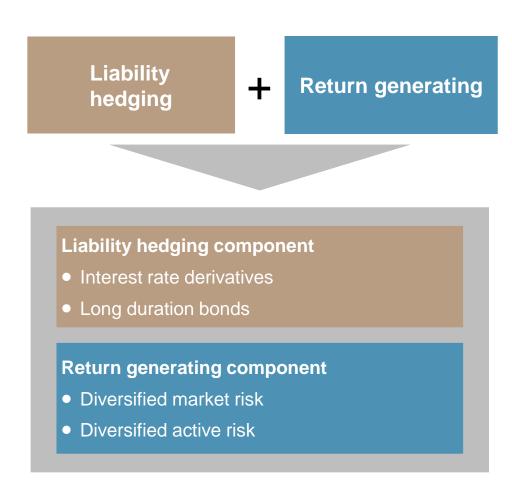
**Asset liability investment solutions** 

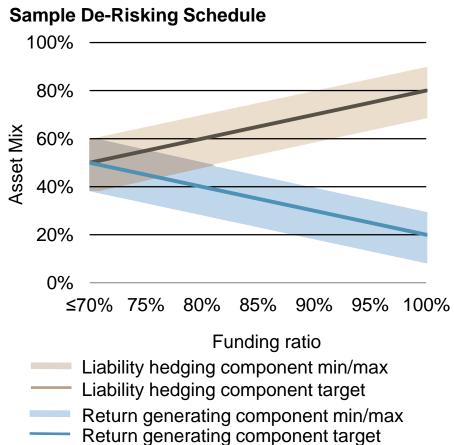




# Liability hedging and return generating assets

#### Importance of a roadmap





As the plan's funding ratio improves, assets are moved from return generating to liability hedging, to reduce funding volatility



# Role of alternatives

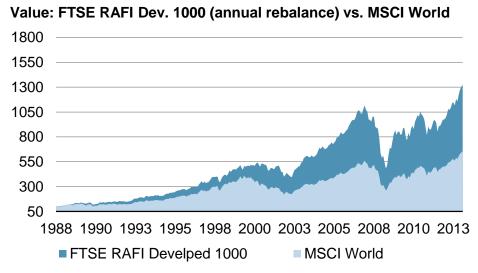
#### Helps portfolio efficiency

	Real Estate	Infrastructure	Private Equity	Hedge Funds
Preserves real value	1	11	?	?
Cash flow	1	111	<b>√</b>	?
Portfolio efficiency	1	1	?	<b>√</b>
Management cost	?	?	?	?
Liquidity	Quarterly	Illiquid	Illiquid	Quarterly

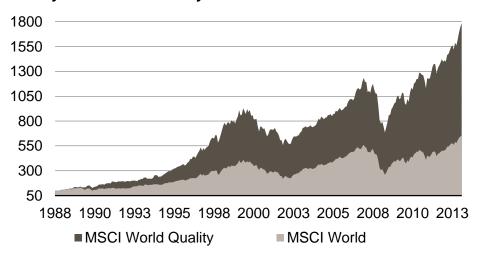


#### Alternative indices

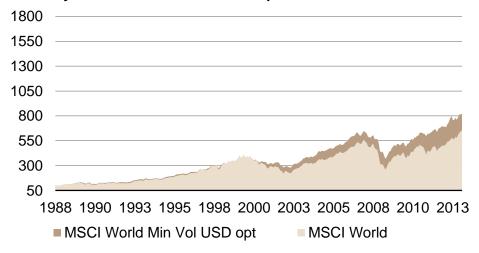
#### ... a blend provides efficient exposure to equities?



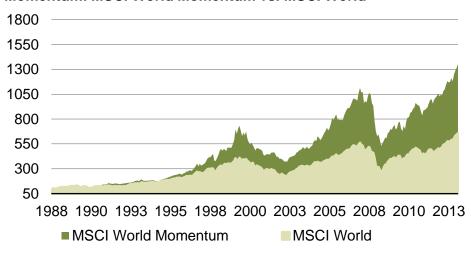




#### Volatility: MSCI World Min Vol USD opt vs. MSCI World



#### Momentum: MSCI World Momentum vs. MSCI World





## Use of derivatives

#### It's all about efficiency of implementation

**Derivatives**, such as options and futures, are used in the strategy:

- As a source of potential return
- To obtain exposure to certain markets
- To replace more traditional investments
- As a risk management tool (see illustration below)
- To improve portfolio liquidity

Bond exposure includes a number of different **risks** which can be **hedged** via derivatives, for example:



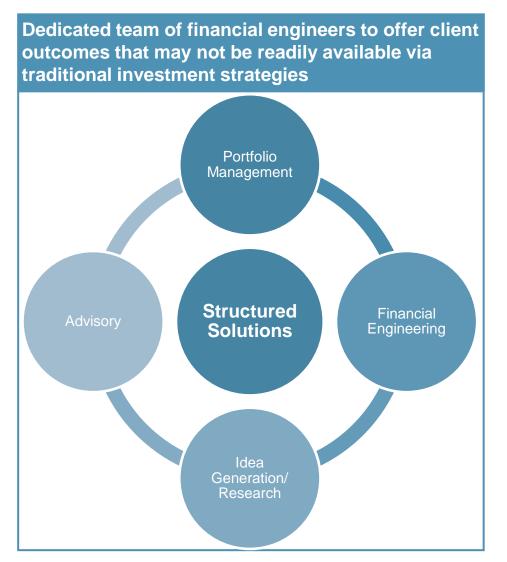


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### Structured Solutions

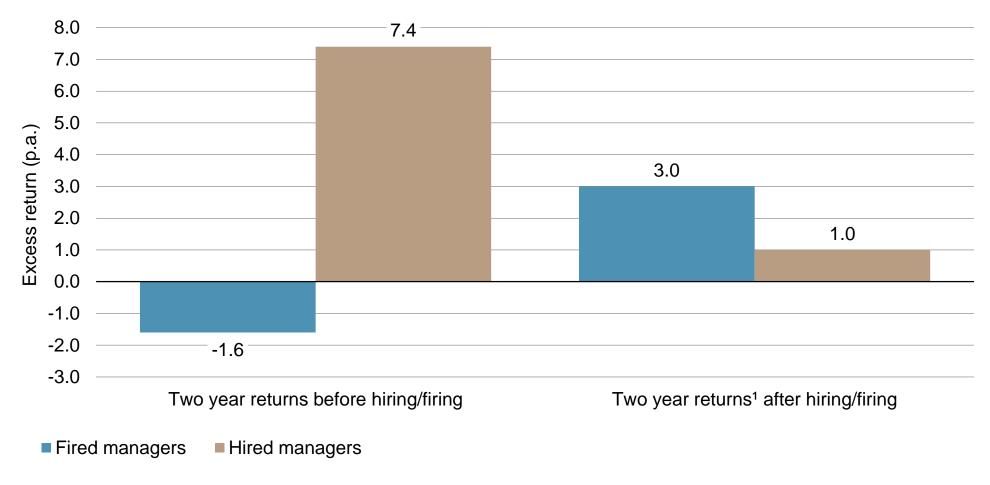
#### What do you want to achieve?







# Hiring / Firing – the mistake some committees have made



Source: UBS Global Asset Management and Goyal and Wahal, "The Selection and Termination of Investment Management Firms"

Net of transition costs



# Meeting the Efficiency Challenge – Can you do it?

- Pool intellectual capital make use of fund managers to broaden the debate
- Greater awareness of the liability drivers and buckets
- Better informed decisions on the important stuff
- Are you exploiting temporary market inefficiencies across markets and currencies
- Embrace Alternatives
- Ensure managers know where they fit in with the overall strategy
- Holistic view of risk



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