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Second Annual Alternative Investments & Absolute Return Strategies

for Institutional Investors Conference

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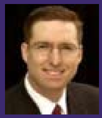
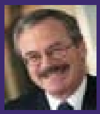


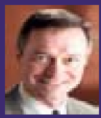
Christopher Holt MBA, CAIA
Founder & Editor
AllAboutAlpha.com
Speaking on Portable Alpha & 130/30 Investment Strategies

Opening Keynote Address
Marc Godin MBA, CFA
Managing Director for Canada, bfinance
Montreal, Quebec

Tammer Kamel
President
Iluka Hedge Fund Strategies
Speaking on Effective Hedge Fund Investing



Luncheon Keynote Address
Paul Renaud
President & CEO
OMERS Capital Partners



Scott Hayman
Vice President
Investments/Trading, Kruger Inc.
Speaking on the Institutional Investor Discussion Panel

Tuesday, March 4, 2008 ~ Novotel Toronto Centre Hotel

Institutional Investor Allocations to Alternative Investments Continue To Rise

According to two recent research studies, institutional investors plan to increase their allocations to alternative investments in the coming years. In one study Citigroup polled 50 pension fund managers and chief investment officers from institutional investors with assets totaling $1 trillion. Nearly nine out of ten (85%) stated that they intend to increase their positions in alternative investments over the next three years in many cases by as much as 50%.

Further to a story in the Oct. 1 issue of the Financial Post, the Citigroup survey revealed that within three years, pension funds will dedicate nearly 20% of assets to alternative investments, up from approximately 14% at present. "This works out to an additional $1.2 Trillion (going into alternative investments). Where will it all go? $400 billion is expected to go to private equity, $370 billion into real estate, $290 billion into hedge funds and $160 billion into other categories like commodities."

The other study by Russell Investments reinforced the findings of the Citigroup research. It showed that institutional investors worldwide plan to increase allocations to alternative investments with private equity leading the way followed by hedge funds and real estate investments. According to the Russell study pension funds, endowments & foundations predict that their strategic allocations to hedge funds will increase to 8.9% from 7.5% over the next two years. The study also mentioned that utilization of real estate as an investment strategy climbed steadily worldwide over the past two years.

CalPERS Increases Allocations to Alternatives

With $250 Billion in assets under management, the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) is the largest U.S. public pension plan. Recently, its investment board voted 9-3 to reduce its investments in fixed income products from 26% to 19% and to lower its equities holdings to 56% from 60%.

The beneficiaries will be private equity, real estate and a new class of inflation-linked investments according to a Dec. 18 report in the FP. In addition, the fund will be lowering its investments in US companies to 28.4% from 40%, re-directing $19.6 billion into international companies to take advantage of emerging economies in the Far East and elsewhere.

Canadian Pension Plans Show Serious Interest in Portable Alpha & 130/30 Investment Strategies

According to new research study from Pyramis Global Advisors, close to one-third of Canadian pension funds are either using or thinking about integrating 130/30 investment strategies (also known as limited shorting) into their investment portfolios.

About Marc Godin And bfinance

Marc Godin MBA, CFA and Managing Director for Canada, **bfinance**, will be the opening keynote speaker on March 4. Marc will address 'Efficient Use of Quantitative Tools and Techniques in Alternative Investment Manager Selection'.

bfinance, headquartered in London U.K., is one of Europe's leading international financial services consultancies specializing in fund manager selection for institutional investors.

This Conference Will Appeal To

- Institutional Investors
- Plan Sponsors
- Pension Fund Managers
- Pension Fund Committee Members
- Family Offices
- Foundation & Endowment Organizations
- Insurance Industry Investment Executives
- Pension Fund Consultants

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Meet-the-Manager Roundtable Forums

Mind*path*'s popular 'Meet-the-Manager' roundtable discussion forums will take place in the afternoon again this year. Investors will have the opportunity to hear from and pose questions directly to senior investment officers & portfolio managers in a series of informal roundtable forums. This is your chance to interact with a selection of national and international investment managers.

Mind*path* Conferences Place A Premium on Education

Mind*path* conferences bring together leading industry experts, analysts and investment managers in a format designed to maximize the learning experience for attendees.

Stay on top of the latest developments in alternative investing through this highly interactive educational conference.

Learn from the pros and your industry colleagues during our AM discussion panels. All panels and keynote presentations have generous Q&A periods built into them to ensure delegates have ample opportunity to interact directly with industry experts.

Mind*path*'s Principals Are Financial Industry Veterans

Mind*path* financial conferences are content-driven by industry professionals.

Two of Mind*path*'s principals, Don Bridgman and Daniel Tutton, are financial industry veterans who bring a combined total of nearly 50 years experience in the financial services sector to the company.

Don Bridgman brings over 28 years of experience in the financial services industry to the company.

Currently he serves as Vice Chair of the McMaster University Pension Trust Committee.

Don has been an advisor, a senior marketing and sales executive, an industry consultant, a public speaker, a conference manager and workshop facilitator, as well as a trainer and performance coach with unique expertise in personal strategic planning.

He currently co-owns and manages one of the largest branches of a leading Canadian wealth management firm.

Daniel Tutton, President, is a nineteen year veteran of the financial services industry. Previously, Dan served as Senior Vice President of one of Canada's leading financial services companies. He has been involved with educational conferences and special events throughout his business career.

Mind*path* CEO Dan Jerred has over 30 years business experience and brings a depth of expertise in the creation and execution of cutting-edge financial conferences. He has worked in senior capacities with several of Canada's leading financial conference companies before becoming CEO of Mind*path*.

PROGRAM AGENDA

8:45 AM Welcome / Introductory Comments from Mind*path* and Conference Chair Pierre Saint-Laurent

8:50 – 9:30 AM ~ Opening Keynote Address

Marc Godin
Managing Director for Canada
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An Associate of the Society of Actuaries and a CFA charter holder, Marc has a joint MBA/PhD from the Wharton School of Business (University of Pennsylvania) and a Master's degree from St. John's College, Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar.

9:30 – 10:00 AM ~ Infrastructure Presentation:
Infrastructure continues to be one of the hottest alternative investment categories and is expected to out-perform the market in the coming years. Hear from an industry expert Sebastien Sherman of Borealis Infrastructure, a leading player in this space.

Sebastien Sherman
Senior Vice President
Borealis Infrastructure

10:00 – 10:15 AM ~ Morning Refreshment & Networking Break

10:15 – 10:45 AM ~ Discussion Panel: Real Estate in the Institutional Investor's Portfolio
Recent research studies by Citigroup and Russell Investments point to increasing institutional investor placements in Real Estate holdings. Hear from these industry experts:

Guy Knowles
Vice President Real Estate
Rogers Communications

John McFadden
Senior Vice President
Bentall Capital

10:45 – 11:15 AM ~ Discussion Panel: Absolute Return Products and Hedge Funds – Where do they fit in Plan Sponsor Investment Portfolios?

Jeff Sheran
Senior Vice President
Oppenheimer Capital

Jeff will speak about portable alpha strategies and stand-alone absolute return investments to enhance portfolio returns.

Tammer Kamel
President
Iluka Hedge Fund Consulting

Tammer's interactive hedge fund workshops have won him a reputation as a global leader in hedge fund education. Come and hear Tammer as he de-mystifies this alternative investment class.

11:15 – 11:35 AM ~ Pierre Saint-Laurent Topic: A Primer on How To Make Optimum Use of Your Pension Fund Consultant

Pierre Saint-Laurent
President
Asset Counsel

Pierre Saint-Laurent is one of Canada's foremost experts and consultants on alternative and traditional investments. Pierre will present a primer on how to make the best use of your pension fund consultant.

11:35 – 12:15 PM ~ Institutional Investor Discussion Panel on Alternative Investments
Pierre Saint-Laurent will lead a discussion among institutional investors who are presently using infrastructure investments, private equity, hedge funds or real estate in their portfolios.

Karen Bailey
Director of Investments
Canada Mortgage & Housing

Scott Hayman
Vice President
Investments/Trading, Kruger Inc.

12:15 – 1:15 PM ~ Event Luncheon

1:15 – 2:00 PM ~ Keynote Presentation

Paul Renaud
President & CEO
OMERS Capital Partners

Paul will speak about the OMERS Private Capital business model, investment strategies, track record, sector exposure, industry challenges and industry forecast.

Prior to being appointed President and CEO of OCP, Paul was OMERS Chief Financial Officer. He successfully transformed the role of CFO to that of an active participant in setting the strategic direction and evaluating investment decisions across all investment businesses of OMERS.

2:00 – 2:45 PM ~ Christopher Holt Topic: Portable Alpha & 130 / 30 Investment Strategies for the Institutional Investor

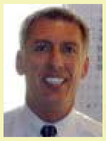
Christopher Holt
Founder & Editor
AllAboutAlpha.com

As Founder and Editor of AllAboutAlpha.com, the web's leading destination for Alpha investing and information, Chris will address the topic of Portable Alpha and 130/30 Investing Strategies for the Institutional Investor. Chris is a highly informative and entertaining presenter who is in demand internationally as an expert speaker on Portable Alpha and 130/30 investing.

2:45 – 3:00 PM ~ Afternoon Refreshment & Networking Break

3:00 – 5:00 PM ~ Meet-the-Manager Roundtable Discussion Forums

Jeff Sheran
Senior Vice President
Oppenheimer Capital



Barry Allan
President & Chief Investment Officer
Marret Asset Management

5:00 PM ~ Business Card Draw
5:15 – 6:30 PM ~ Networking Cocktail Reception

CONFERENCE LOCATION

Novotel Toronto Centre Hotel
45 The Esplanade

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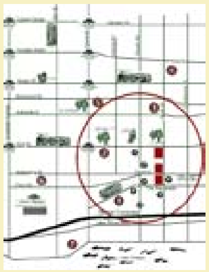

Registration Form

Important Note

Conference content is designed to meet the information and education needs of Institutional Investors; Pension Plan Sponsors; Pension Fund Managers and Pension Committee Members; Insurance Industry Investment Executives; Foundation or Endowment organizations; Family Officers and Pension Fund consultants.

Conference Fee:

Cost to attend the conference is **$295.00** + GST for qualified Plan Sponsors, Institutional Investors & Pension Fund Consultants.

Cost for non-institutional investors is **$695.00** + GST.

A 10% discount on the delegate registration fee applies to members of the Canadian Pension and Benefits Institute (**CPBI**) and the Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst Association (**CAIA**).

Yes I would like to register the following people from my firm:

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