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Patrick McKenna

Senior Director Global Pensions, Pfizer Corporate Treasury Group

Patrick McKenna is Senior Director Global Pensions based in Pfizer's Corporate Treasury Group in Dublin. Patrick is responsible for the funding and investment oversight of Pfizer's global defined benefit and defined contribution plans. He also acts as a fiduciary for a number of Pfizer's DB and DC plans across multiple markets. Prior to joining Pfizer in 2014 Patrick held various roles in Mercer over a period of 14 years. Patrick is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries in Ireland.



Ger Fitzgerald

Senior Political Economist, Unio Wealth Management

Ger Fitzgerald is Head of Investment Strategy at Unio, where he leads the development and implementation of investment strategies across employee benefits and wealth management. He is a member of Unio's Global Macro Council and Investment Committee. In addition to his role at Unio, Ger chairs the

Investment Committee of the Irish Association of Pension Funds (IAPF). He is a qualified Actuary, a Chartered Enterprise Risk Actuary (CERA), a Qualified Financial Adviser (QFA), and a Pension Trustee Practitioner.



Lizzy Galbraith

IAPF Investment Committee

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Lizzy is the Political Economist within the Global Macro Research Team, focused on political and geopolitical risk and analysis. She joined Aberdeen in November 2022 from WA, where she conducted political due diligence for private equity transactions. Qualifications BA, MSc. Lizzy graduated from the University of York with BA in English and History, she also holds an MSc in Russian Politics from King's College London. She has also completed Bloomberg New Voices media training.

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Garvan McCarthy
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Garvan McCarthy is a Senior Partner and Mercer's CIO - EMEA and Asia. He is based in Dublin. Garvan has over 20 years investment experience implementing portfolio solutions across traditional and alternative asset classes. Prior to his current role, Garvan was Mercer's Alternatives Leader - International and Chief Investment Officer Alternatives - Europe. Garvan joined Mercer in 2003 and has worked in London and Dublin primarily focussed on implementing discretionary client portfolios. Garvan graduated with a first class honours degree in Actuarial and Financial Studies from University College Dublin, Ireland. Garvan is a Fellow of both the Institute of Actuaries in the UK (FIA) and the Society of Actuaries in Ireland (FSAI) as well as a Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst (CAIA).

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