



Retirement News Highlights

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Congratulations to Andrew Palmer....

CIO Announces Innovation Award Finalists for Dec. 7 Gala

It's time to celebrate those who have survived, flourished, and led the way.

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Welcome to CIO's awards season, now in its 11th year!

This year, we are celebrating those who have survived, flourished, and been incredible leaders throughout the challenges of this pandemic environment. We are planning to gather in person to applaud each other on Dec. 7 at Chelsea Piers in New York.

Throughout this week, we will release the list of finalists who have been nominated by their industry peers for their fine work from 2020 to 2021. As we created our list, our mission was to search the industry for management firms that have truly and reliably enhanced the portfolios of their clients, and to find CIOs who have exceeded expectations under their mantles of responsibility.

All the CIOs who appear on our finalist list have not won an award in their categories at their firms (from us) in the past. And as we canvassed and read through award nominations, we learned just what an incredible two years it has been for many of you. Many have re-engineered business processes during the pandemic and turned portfolios around while being great mentors and thoughtful colleagues; others have led spin-offs, transformed funds to become in-house management firms, or headed incredible direct investment programs.

We also learned which managers are doing well for our CIOs, and which have remained dominant players in their niches, created powerful teams, and given CIOs precision-level details or smooth sailing through excess returns.

Our choices were highly influenced by our advisory board members—past CIO winners who lent their advice throughout the summer on top managers, top service providers, and the CIO peers they truly watch and learn from. In all, we received some 300 nominations.

And from that list, we chiseled out our finalists: all people and firms that are changing our industry for the better. Winners will be asked to prove their case and will be chosen by the CIO editorial team in

conjunction with an advisory board of CIOs. The CIO of the Year Award and NextGen Award will also be announced during the award ceremony.

On Dec. 7, we will host both the Influential Investors Forum at Chelsea Piers and our glittery Innovation Awards gala, where the finalists will gather to hear the winners announced for 2021.

Save the date, because you'll want to be in the room to meet finalists, talk with them about investing, and join the excitement as our winners are announced. As many of you know, there is nothing like having a room full of respected peers to applaud your hard-won success. This year, we will also celebrate those who have decided to retire and the lives of those we have lost.

Our finalist list is as follows:

Chief Investment Officers

Public Defined Benefit Funds \$100 Billion and Above

C. William Cary

Employees' Retirement System of Georgia (ERSGA) and Teachers Retirement System of Georgia (TRSGA)

Edwin Denson

State of Wisconsin Investment Board (SWIB)

Paul Greff

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)

Mansco Perry III

Minnesota State Board of Investment (SBI)

Anastasia Titarchuk

New York State Common Retirement Fund

Allyson Tucker

Washington State Investment Board (WSIB)

Eduard van Gelderen

Public Sector Pension Investment Board (PSP Investments)

Public Defined Benefit Funds From \$21 Billion to \$99 Billion

Scott Davis

Indiana Public Retirement System (INPRS)

Ray Joseph

Los Angeles Fire and Police Pensions (LAFPP)

Barry Kenneth

Pension Protection Fund (PPF)

Amy McGarrity

Colorado Public Employees' Retirement Association (PERA)

Molly Murphy

Orange County Employees Retirement System (OCERS)

Andrew Palmer

Maryland State Retirement and Pension System (MSRA)

Public Defined Benefit Funds Below \$21 Billion

Jeb Burns

Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS) of Michigan

Farouki Majeed

School Employees Retirement System of Ohio (SERS)

Katherine Molnar

Fairfax County Police Officers Retirement System Public Pension

and

Andrew Spellar

Fairfax County Retirement Systems

Kristin Varela (interim)

Public Employees Retirement Association of New Mexico (PERA)

Jeremy Wolfson

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP)

Sovereign Wealth Funds

Jeffrey Jaensubhakij

GIC

Abdiel Santiago

Fondo de Ahorro Panama

Ruchit Shah

Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company

Robert "Vince" Smith

New Mexico State Investment Council (NMSIC)

B. Holland Timmins

Texas Permanent School Fund

Corporate Defined Benefit Plans Above \$20 Billion

Douglas Brown

Exelon

Harshal Chaudhari

General Electric (GE)

Laurence Fulton

Verizon Investment Management Corporation (VIMCO)

Jeff Lewis

FedEx

Jeff Pickett

Stellantis N.V.

Valerie Sill

DuPont Capital Management

Corporate Defined Benefit Plans Below \$20 Billion

Kathleen Lutito
CenturyLink Investment Management

Ian McKnight
Royal Mail

Thomas Mucha
Eastman Kodak

Elena Parrino
Altria

Dekia Scott
Southern Company

Corporate Defined Contribution Plans

Dennis Duerst
3M Investment Management Corporation

Jeanmarie Grisi
Nokia

Kathleen Lutito
CenturyLink Investment Management

Andy Ward
Boeing

Health Care Plans

Jason Klein
Memorial Sloan Kettering

Alyssa Rieder
Dignity Health

Philip Rotner
Boston Children's Hospital

Stefan Strein
Cleveland Clinic

J.C. Stilley
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC)

Most Collaborative

Tim Corbett
Massachusetts Mutual

Walter Kress
EY

Jeff Smith and Ryan Dotson
Smithsonian Institution, working with Digital Asset Roundtable

“State of California CIOs”
including the state and city consortium of CIOs

“Health Care Posse”
Health care CIOs including Donna Snider at Hackensack Meridian Health, Syed Haque at Novant Health, and some 25 others

Risk Management

Harshal Chaudhari
General Electric (GE)

Edwin Denson
State of Wisconsin Investment Board (SWIB)

Jonathan Glidden
Delta Air Lines

Jonathan Grabel
Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association (LACERA)

Bob Hunkeler
International Paper

Doug Brown
Exelon

Managers

Consultant of the Year

Celia Dallas
Cambridge Associates

Allan Emkin
Meketa Investment Group

Russ Ivinjack
Aon

Taylor Mammen
RCLCO Fund Advisors (RFA)

Heidi Poon
Aksia

Liability-Driven Investing (LDI)

Goldman Sachs Asset Management

Insight Investment

NISA Investment Advisors

PIMCO

Wellington Management

Western Asset Management Company

OCIO

Bank of America

Goldman Sachs

Investment Office Resources

PNC Institutional Asset Management

State Street Global Advisors (SSGA)

Vanguard

Defined Contribution Plans

Albourne

BlackRock

Empower

J.P. Morgan

T. Rowe Price

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