



Press Release

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## **Mark Fawcett appointed new chairman of EDHEC-Risk Institute's international advisory board**

EDHEC-Risk Institute is pleased to announce the appointment of Mark Fawcett as chairman of its international advisory board. He is Chief Investment Officer of NEST Corporation, the trustee body responsible for running NEST, the National Employment Savings Trust. NEST was set up specifically to support changes that meant UK employers now have to automatically enrol their workers into a workplace pension scheme. Since its creation in 2011 NEST has become one of the largest master trusts in the UK and currently has over 200,000 employers signed up, 3.7 million members and over £1.2 billion assets under management.

“EDHEC-Risk Institute is extremely fortunate to have in its new board chair such an experienced and talented individual,” said Lionel Martellini, Professor of Finance, EDHEC Business School and Director of EDHEC-Risk Institute. He continued, “Mark Fawcett has been a tremendously active board member over the past six years, and we look forward to continuing our strong working relationship with him. Mark will bring a wealth of experience in the retirement space, which is an extremely relevant fit with respect to our Institute’s increased focus on welfare improving investment solutions for both institutional and individual investors.”

Mark said, “I’m delighted to be appointed chair. I look forward to supporting EDHEC-Risk Institute in continuing to deliver actionable insights for asset owners and managers with a view to generating better returns for investors. This type of thought leadership is particularly pertinent given the shifting regulatory and economic outlook in the UK and globally.”

As chairman, Mark succeeds Tomas Franzén, former Chief Investment Strategist with Andra AP-fonden (AP2) and Founder of Franzen Advisory.

Mark has been an investment manager for over 27 years and has a wealth of senior leadership experience at a variety of institutions.

He was head of Japanese equities at Gartmore, and held the role of chief investment officer at American Express Asset Management International.

Before joining NEST, Mark was a partner at the boutique investment manager Thames River Capital LLP.

The role of [EDHEC-Risk Institute's international advisory board](#) is to consult on the relevance and goals of the research programme proposals presented by the centre’s management and to evaluate research outcomes with respect to their potential impact on industry practices. The 35 members of the board also advise on the objectives and contents of projects deriving from the expertise of the research centre.

The full list of members of EDHEC-Risk Institute’s international advisory board can be found overleaf.

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**Members of the EDHEC-Risk Institute Advisory Board**

- **Chairperson: Mr Mark Fawcett**, Chief Investment Officer, NEST Corporation
- **Mr Kasper Ahrndt Lorenzen**, Chief Investment Officer, ATP.
- **Mr Christopher Ailman**, Chief Investment Officer, CalSTRS.
- **Mr Patrick Armstrong**, Senior Officer, Financial Innovation, European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA).
- **Ms Valérie Baudson**, Member of the Executive Committee, AMUNDI.
- **Mr Stefan Bichsel**, Executive Board Member and Head of the Asset Management & Trading Division, BCV and former Chairman, EFAMA.
- **Mr Tai Tee Chia**, Chief Risk Officer, Government of Singapore Investment Corporation (GIC).
- **Mr James C. Davis**, Chief Investment Officer, OPSEU Pension Trust.
- **Mr Laurent Degabriel**, Associate, PricewaterhouseCoopers.
- **Mr Philippe Desfossés**, Chief Executive Officer, ERAFP (French Public Service Additional Scheme).
- **Mr Patrick Fenal**, Deputy Chairman, Unigestion.
- **Mr Tomas Franzén**, Former Chief Investment Strategist, AP2 - Andra AP-fonden, and Founder, Franzen Advisory.
- **Mr Henrik Gade Jepsen**, Senior Vice President, Head of Asset Management, Danske Bank Wealth Management.
- **Mr Nicolas Gausse**, Chief Investment Officer, Lyxor Asset Management.
- **Mr Brad Holzberger**, Chief Investment Officer, QSuper.
- **Mr Atsushi Ikari**, Director General, Investment Strategy Department, Government Pension Investment Fund (GPIF), Japan
- **Mr David Iverson**, Head of Asset Allocation, the Guardians of New Zealand Superannuation Fund.
- **Mr Joseph John Jelincic, Jr**, Member of the Board of Administration, CalPERS.
- **Mr Theo Jeurissen**, Senior Adviser, Goldman Sachs Asset Management (GSAM), past Chairman of the International Advisory Board, EDHEC-Risk Institute.
- **Mr Masamichi Kono**, Senior Advisor, KPMG AZSA LLC.
- **Mr Jean-Louis Laurens**, Ambassador of the French Asset Management Industry, AFG.
- **Mr Xavier Lépine**, Chairman, La Française AM.
- **Mr François-Serge Lhabitant**, Affiliate Professor, EDHEC Business School and Chief Executive Officer, Kedge Capital.
- **Ms Jacqueline Loh**, Deputy Managing Director, Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS).
- **Mr Lionel Martellini**, Professor of Finance, Director of EDHEC-Risk Institute.
- **Mr Joseph Masri**, Head of Risk Management, Qatar Investment Authority (QIA).
- **Mr Gumersindo Oliveros**, Chief Executive Officer, KAUST Investment Management Company.
- **Mr Bruno de Pampelonne**, President, Tikehau Investment Management and Chairman, EDHEC Alumni.
- **Mr Olivier Rousseau**, Executive Director, Fonds de Réserve pour les Retraites (French Pension Reserve Fund).
- **Mr Adiaan Ryder**, Chief Strategist, Abu Dhabi Investment Council (ADIC).

- **Mr Günther Schiendl**, Director and Chief Investment Officer, VBV-Pensionskasse.
- **Mr Anil Suri**, Managing Director, Head of Portfolio Construction & Investment Analytics, Merrill Lynch Wealth Management.
- **Mr Philippe Teilhard de Chardin**, Chief Executive Officer, Advisors and Partners.
- **Mr Jaap van Dam**, Managing Director Investment Strategy, PGGM.
- **Mr Jean-Paul Villain**, Director of the Strategy Unit, Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA).
- **Mr Yuan Zhou**, Former Chief Strategy Officer, China Investment Corporation

## About EDHEC-Risk Institute

Since 2001, EDHEC Business School has been pursuing an ambitious policy in terms of practically relevant academic research. This policy, known as “Research for Business”, aims to make EDHEC an academic institution of reference for the industry in a small number of areas in which the school has reached critical mass in terms of expertise and research results. Among these areas, asset and risk management have occupied privileged positions, leading to the creation in 2001 of EDHEC-Risk Institute, which has developed an ambitious portfolio of research and educational initiatives in the domain of investment solutions for institutional and individual investors.

This institute now boasts a team of close to 50 permanent professors, engineers and support staff, as well as 38 research associates from the financial industry and affiliate professors. EDHEC-Risk Institute is located at campuses in Singapore, which was established at the invitation of the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS); the City of London in the United Kingdom; Nice and Paris in France. The philosophy of the institute is to validate its work by publication in prestigious academic journals, but also to make it available to professionals and to participate in industry debate through its position papers, published studies and global conferences.

To ensure the distribution of its research to the industry, EDHEC-Risk also provides professionals with access to its website, [www.edhec-risk.com](http://www.edhec-risk.com), which is entirely devoted to international risk and asset management research. The website, which has more than 70,000 regular visitors, is aimed at professionals who wish to benefit from EDHEC-Risk’s analysis and expertise in the area of applied portfolio management research. Its quarterly newsletter is distributed to more than 200,000 readers.

EDHEC-Risk Institute also has highly significant executive education activities for professionals. In partnership with CFA Institute, it has developed advanced seminars based on its research which are available to CFA charterholders and have been taking place since 2008 in New York, Singapore and London.

In 2012, EDHEC-Risk Institute signed two strategic partnership agreements, with the Operations Research and Financial Engineering department of Princeton University to set up a joint research programme in the area of asset-liability management for institutions and individuals, and with Yale School of Management to set up joint certified executive training courses in North America and Europe in the area of risk and investment management.

As part of its policy of transferring know-how to the industry, EDHEC-Risk Institute has set up ERI Scientific Beta. ERI Scientific Beta is an original initiative which aims to favour the adoption of the latest advances in smart beta design and implementation by the whole investment industry. Its academic origin provides the foundation for its strategy: offer, in the best economic conditions possible, the smart beta solutions that are most proven scientifically with full transparency of both the methods and the associated risks.

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