Aon's Virtual Investment Conference

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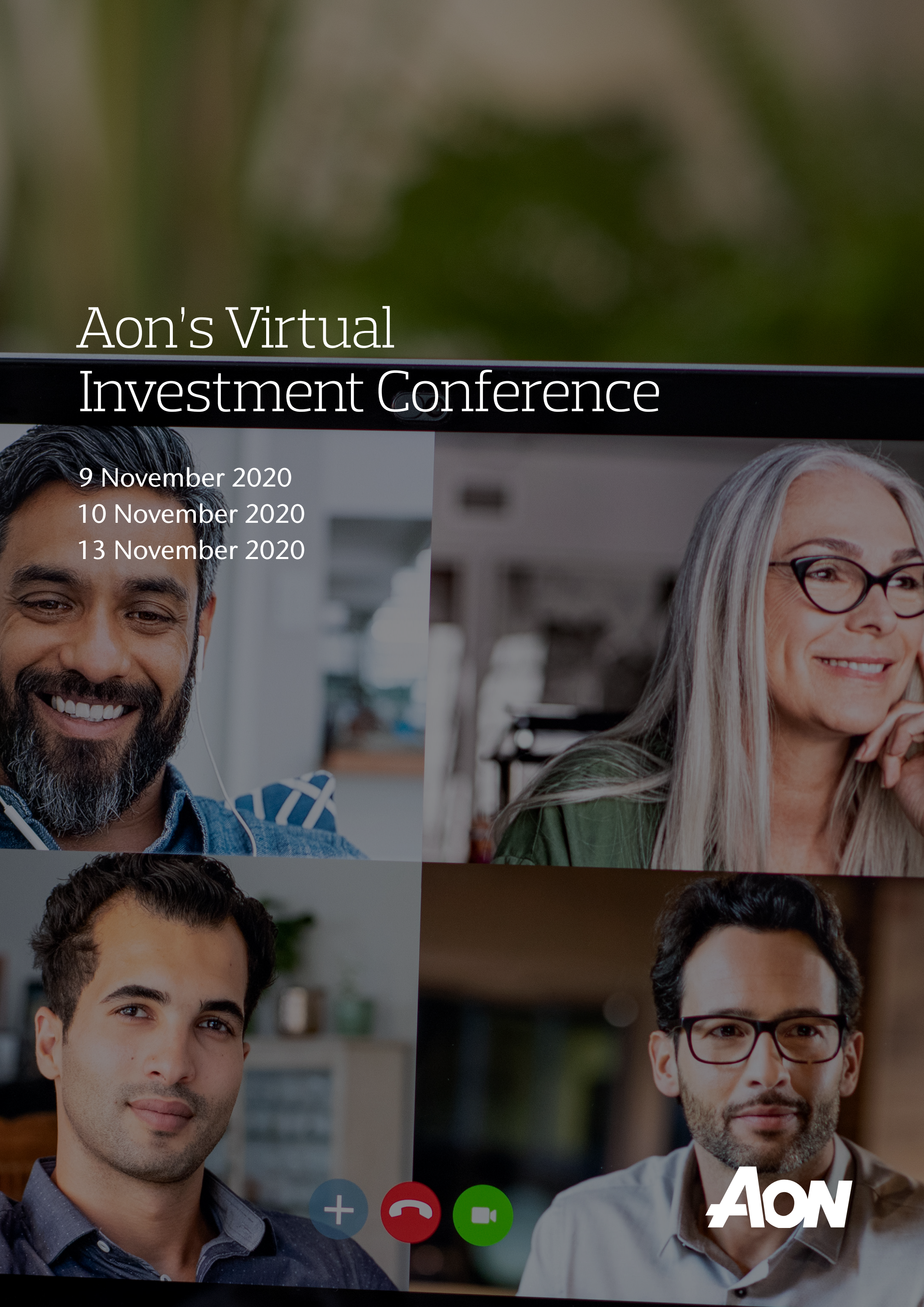

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Covid, climate and compliance – are you ready for the new investment challenges?

2020 has been marked by significant change and increased complexity for pension scheme investment. The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, growing urgency around climate change and greater scrutiny by The Pensions Regulator – all are demanding more of schemes' operational and investment strategies.

Our 2020 Investment Conference will draw on real-world insights from DB and DC pension scheme decision-makers and, importantly, address practical steps investors can and should be taking now to position their portfolios in response to these new challenges.

Key areas of focus will include:

- The current investment environment and market outlook
- The DB funding code of practice – implications for investment strategy
- Endgame investing – navigating the journey
- Investment governance – building resilience to cope with the uncertain outlook ahead
- What next for DC investing – and why ESG matters, featuring Tony Burdon of Make My Money Matter and Susan Gostick, Chair of the BNP Paribas DC Pension Committee.

The Conference will be relevant to professional and member-nominated trustees, third party evaluators and sponsoring employers.

Please join us by signing up here.

Emily McGuire | Partner

Chair - Aon's Virtual Investment Conference

Agenda

Monday, 9 November 2020

09:45 – 10:30 **The current investment environment and market outlook**	Continued volatility, low interest rates, the US election and Brexit – all make for a complex investment environment. Tapan Datta and Daniel Peters will consider the role all these play for the economic outlook and strategies investors can adopt to protect their portfolios for the medium and longer term.	Tapan Datta Head of Asset Allocation Daniel Peters Partner
13:45 – 14:30 **The DB funding code of practice - implications for investment strategy**	The Code promises to connect funding and investment strategies more closely than ever before. In the Code consultation, the Regulator set out its vision for formalised journey plans to guide all schemes to a low-risk funding position before they reach significant maturity. In this session we will explore some of the implications this will have for investment strategy.	Andy Corvesor Partner Shelley Fryer Principal

Tuesday, 10 November 2020

10:45 – 11:30 **Endgame investing - navigating the journey**	Today, investors have more endgame options than ever before. Consolidators, capital-backed investment solutions and insurance – all can support trustees and sponsors to get to their endgame more quickly. But, what are the practical steps investors should take to prepare their portfolios? And, how can they do this with less risk, and lower costs, along the way? This session will explore the steps trustees and sponsors can take at each stage of their endgame journey.	Emily McGuire Partner Lucy Barron Partner Ben Steen Senior Consultant

Friday, 13 November 2020

09:45 – 10:30 **Building resilience to cope with the uncertain outlook ahead**	The market volatility seen this year has created challenging times for pension schemes, with many having been knocked off course. Not least with regard to investment strategies, with asset allocation, cashflow management, liability hedging and liquidity all coming under pressure. In this session, our panel of experts will look under the bonnet of fiduciary management, examining the nuts and bolts involved in designing and implementing a robust investment strategy. We'll look at some of the lessons learned from the COVID-19 crisis and why these are vital to consider when positioning your portfolio for the new road ahead.	Tony Baily Partner William Parry Principal Sonia Gogna Principal
13:45 – 14:30 **What next for DC investing - and why ESG matters**	DC member awareness and appetite to address environmental and social issues through their pension scheme investments is rising, driven partly by a growing number of public campaigns calling for greater engagement. Taken together with increasing regulation, DC trustees are expected to become more active stewards of the capital they invest on behalf of members. In this session, we will draw on the experience of industry experts, case studies and international experiences to consider DC engagement and stewardship and how it works in practice. We will also ask what the call for 'net zero' means and how it might be achieved by DC schemes. This will be an interactive session, with plenty of opportunity for questions.	Chris Inman Principal Joanna Sharples Partner Tony Burdon CEO, Make My Money Matter Susan Gostick Chair BNP Paribas DC Pension Committee

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