

Birmingham, Hilton Birmingham Metropole

Tuesday 2nd March 2010

08.30	09.00	Registration
09.00	09.10	Welcome Address
09.10	09.40	<p>Keynote and Chairman of the event Nick Cann, Chief Executive, <i>Institute of Financial Planning</i></p> <p>Time for something completely different The time is ticking for everybody and challenges and opportunities abound. There are however some really quick wins to be had in shaping a business that you can continue to be proud of, that will enable you and your teams to achieve the goals that you set yourself. Nick will set out his vision for the next three years and set out what success might look like if we fast forward to January 2013 and look back on the journey that everybody is currently undertaking.</p>
09.40	10.00	<p>How stimulating? Chris Burvill, Head of UK Equity Income, <i>Gartmore Investment Management</i></p> <p>Billions of pounds have been poured into supporting the economy. However, if the economy cannot flourish under the levels of external stimulus that we have seen, how can we be confident for 2010 when both interest rates and taxes look likely to rise?</p> <p>What will change sentiment is never easy to predict: perhaps the impending General Election may focus attention on the full costs of the bail outs and stimulatory measures; or could it be a signal from the MPC that its quantitative easing is about to end.</p> <p>In his presentation, Chris Burvill, Manager of the Gartmore Cautious Managed Fund, and one of the most experienced cautious managed fund managers in the business, explains how he is positioning and manoeuvring his portfolio against the current economic backdrop.</p>
10.00	10.10	Q&A
10.10	10.30	<p>It's not the economy, stupid! Graham Ashby, Head of UK Equities, <i>LV= Asset Management</i></p> <p>LV= Asset Management will contrast the structural decline of domestic investors' exposure to UK equities with the ongoing attraction for many overseas companies for having a primary listing on the London Stock Exchange. We will then go on to explain how UK plc is increasingly geographically diversified and how valuations look, in many cases, much cheaper than more fashionable equity markets such as Asia. These trends have already altered the nature of UK equity investment, with the correlation between domestic GDP growth and market performance deteriorating markedly in recent years. What are the implications for investors?</p>
10.30	10.40	Q&A
10.40	11.00	Coffee & Networking

11.00	11.20	<p>Credit - is the party over? Richard Hodges, Head of High Alpha Fixed Income, Legal & General Investment Management</p> <p>For the bulk of 2009 sales of corporate bond based products dominated the retail market and investors in such funds were rewarded via the performance they experienced. But have the tailwinds enjoyed within that asset area gone? Worse, are headwinds expected? Dickie Hodges will give an outlook for credit and will explain how it is still possible to generate performance from it.</p>
11.20	11.30	Q&A
11.30	11.50	<p>Dispelling commonly held myths within the investment market Alastair Mundy, Head of the UK Contrarian team and Portfolio Manager, UK Equities, <i>Investec Asset Management</i></p> <p>Alastair Mundy, fund manager for the Investec UK Special Situations Fund and the Investec Cautious Managed Fund will aim to dispel some of the commonly held myths within the investment market. He will highlight why going against conventional wisdom and investing away from the crowd can be incredibly rewarding over the long run. Finally, we hope you the delegate will leave the conference with a better understanding of Alastair's contrarian approach and how it has been instrumental in maintaining his top quartile performance on the £360m UK Special Situations Fund over 1, 3 and 5 years* *to the end of Oct 2009.</p>
11.50	12.00	Q&A
12.00	12.20	<p>Where next for property? Don Jordison, Managing Director, <i>Threadneedle Property Investments</i></p> <p>Commercial property is currently seeing a large amount of interest and many astute investors are asking if the current rally is sustainable. Don Jordison has over 25 years' commercial property investment experience and currently heads a team that manage more than £4bn in direct property assets. In his session, Don will discuss what is currently driving the commercial property market, his investment outlook and how investors can access the performance potential from this highly specialised area of the market.</p>
12.20	12.30	Q&A
12.30	14.30	Buffet Lunch & Depart

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