

Fresh perspectives for a new season

Mobilising capital for a sustainable future



In March, we had the pleasure of hosting our first in-person events of the year in London, the **Global Asset Owner Peer Study** symposium and summit, sponsored by Future Fund. Representing over USD\$6 trillion AUM of influential capital, the peer study focussed on the best practices of 26 of the world's largest asset owners. While the full report will be released soon, you can catch a glimpse of the study in the [event slide deck](#) available on our webpage.

This month we have also released our annual **Global Pension Assets Study – 2024** covering pension assets across 22 major markets, with over US\$55.7 trillion AUM. Explore our key themes impacting pension assets and tune into our [bonus podcast](#) for an in-depth discussion.

As we strive to enhance member engagement, we want to remind you of some valuable member resources. We have recently enhanced our [Research index](#), adding a wealth of asset-class specific resources. We also encourage you to engage with our specialist [1-2-1 projects](#) where we can work with your organisation on areas such as peer benchmarking; revisiting investment beliefs; TPA transformation; governance; 3D investing; culture and so much more!

Finally, we want to spotlight our new [Training hub](#), showcasing curated training videos on relevant topics like climate scenarios. [Reach out](#) to us to schedule tailored virtual or in-person training sessions for your teams.

Wishing you a wonderful Easter season from all of us at the Thinking Ahead Institute!

[Research index](#)

[Global pension assets study](#)



Research index

We're excited to announce the latest additions to our Research Index. Our recent updates include a wealth of asset class-specific resources. This comprehensive page serves as an organised index of all Thinking Ahead Institute research published since 2015, categorised by topic.

[See research](#)



Member resources

We're committed to boosting the impact of your work. That's why we've curated a member resource page on our hub, featuring valuable contributions from fellow members covering a wide array of topics, from climate to technology. If you have resources you believe would enrich this collection, we invite you to submit them via our webpage or directly to your working group leader.

[See resources](#)



Training

Drawing on years of Institute research we have created a new training hub for members. Here we show examples of training videos we can curate on hot topics, such as climate scenarios. More than that, we can conduct virtual or in-person training with member teams on these important topics.

[Learn more](#)



Global Pension Assets Study – 2024

Thinking Ahead Institute produces several global industry studies each year, including the **Global Pension Assets Study**. This broad analysis estimates pension fund assets across 22 major markets. It highlights trends and future considerations. Explore these key themes and tune into our [podcast](#) for an in-depth discussion.

[Read the study](#)



Pensions aren't what they used to be... a glimpse into the future

Presenting our latest paper, **Pensions aren't what they used to be... a glimpse into the future**. This is a result of collaborative efforts within the Institute's Future of Pensions working group. It offers a thoughtful examination of the evolving pension landscape, exploring essential topics such as pension quality, future return reliability, and the potential directions for pension design.

[Read the paper](#)



Sustainability shapers on widening social inequalities and writing for the soul

Explore our spin-off podcast series, Sustainability shapers where we talk to industry leaders navigating rapid change and rising systemic risk. In our newest episode join us as we sit down with Jodie Tapscott, Vice President and Director of Responsible Investing Strategy at AllianceBernstein. We discuss the pressing topic of widening social inequalities and the power of writing as a form of self-expression.

[Listen here](#)



The (in)action problem

Discover our latest article, The (in)action problem, examining "the trolley problem" and its relevance to today's critical issues like climate change and inequality. By Tim Hodgson, this piece emphasises the need for collective action and prompts reflection on the challenges of systemic change. It highlights the imperative of proactive measures for a sustainable future.

[Read the article](#)

Upcoming events:



Perspectives+: The human, the machine and the cyborg (virtual)

Join us on 17 April at Perspectives+, an event exploring the fusion of human expertise, technology, and the future of investment professionals. This is a public event, and all are welcome.

[Register here](#)



Manager Ideas Exchange 2024 (Global)

The MIX global event series will run with an annual cycle, made up of three exciting two-day events for asset managers and two virtual events on specific topical issues.

The MIX 2024 series will begin with MIX Europe, to be held in London at The Royal Lancaster Hotel on 23/24 April 2024. This will be followed by MIX North America which will be held in Chicago on 24-25 September 2024 at Convene Willis Tower. MIX Asia Pacific 2024 is now scheduled for 6-7 November 2024. Mix Virtual events will be announced throughout the year.

Do get in [contact](#) to find out more about the Thinking Ahead Institute member discount.

[MIX 2024 global series](#)



Training: Systems curriculum (virtual)

Do you consider your organisation to be a system? Have you ever been trained in systems? We are offering members a 'systems curriculum' featuring external speakers, our own content, and discussion forums. We will be running six sessions throughout the year, starting in May. A great opportunity for everyone in your organisation to participate!

[Learn more](#)

Past events:



Exchange+: TAI/Future Fund Global Asset Owner Peer Study (London)

Last week we convened the Global Asset Owner Peer Study symposium and summit, sponsored by Future Fund. Set against the backdrop of insightful discussions and data-driven findings, this event explored beliefs and best practices that shape the decisions of asset owners in today's dynamic financial landscape. The full report will be out later this year. See event slides and images [here](#).



2024 Annual member briefing (virtual)

Earlier this year we held our [Annual member briefing](#). During these briefings, we discussed our latest research program, shared details about upcoming events, and explored the exciting projects planned for 2024. Do share with any colleagues who missed it.



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About the Thinking Ahead Institute

The Thinking Ahead Institute was established in January 2015 and is a global not-for-profit investment research and innovation member group made up of engaged institutional asset owners and asset managers committed to mobilising capital for a sustainable future. It has over 50 members around the world with combined responsibility for over US\$16 trillion. It is an outgrowth of the Thinking Ahead Group which was set up in 2002. Learn more at [thinkingaheadinstitute.org](#).

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