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Robeco Institutional Investment Leaders Program

Charting the course: finding our way in a changing environment

11 & 12 October 2023
Robeco HQ, Rotterdam
The Netherlands

Inflation. Biodiversity. ChatGPT. Welcome to 2023, where geopolitical, economic, environmental, and technological factors are converging on asset management. As inflation sticks and recession looms, asset managers are leveraging generative AI and machine learning to explore the shifting realities. Meanwhile, breaches in planetary boundaries are triggering a rise in biodiversity and nature restoration investments. Sustainable investing is evolving – and so is the legislation.

Join us this October when we discuss these developments and more. On day 1, we'll take you through our renowned Expected Returns publication. In this thirteenth edition we'll once again explore scenarios and themes that are expected to impact our investment environment in the next five years. We will explore in detail changes in thought processes and regulations around sustainability. On day 2, our key speaker will share her insights on AI, and we'll delve into the latest leaps in next-gen quant and what they mean in practical terms for investors. Join us for the Robeco Institutional Investment Leaders Program: **'Charting the course: finding our way in a changing environment.'**

Program highlights

The two-day educational program at our Rotterdam headquarters will feature external academic speakers and internal experts who can help chart this new course.

The highlights are:

Day 1

- **5-year Expected Returns**
In the morning session we will explore our special topics in detail and what the next five years have in store.
- **Sustainability chances and changes**
In this session Kenny Robertson will challenge our thought leaders on SI and bring you up to speed with what the SI world looks like in 2023. Our afternoon session will conclude with specialist external speaker Professor Gail Whiteman, Sustainability and Climate Change Chair at University of Exeter Business School.
- **Dinner travel to space in a historical setting**
At the end of the first day, you will experience outer space, in a quest to help us realize our roles as Ambassadors for Planet Earth. We bring science and astronautics to life through virtual and augmented reality!

Day 2

- **Breakfast meeting**
Market highlights: what is trending today?
- **Making sense of generative AI**
Discover the advancements and the threats in AI with Nina Schick. The renowned public speaker and author is back by popular demand.
- **Quantum leap: Next-generation quant investing**
This session focuses on *innovation at speed in multiple dimensions*, we explore how to incorporate more data and leverage advanced modelling techniques to develop deeper insights and enhance decision-making.

This interactive two-day program will take you on a journey beyond borders, planetary boundaries and even to augmented reality, all the while maintaining a clear vision on how this impacts our investing decisions.

Guest speakers

Sony Kapoor, CEO of the Nordic Institute for Finance, Technology & Sustainability, Professor of Climate, Geoeconomics & Finance at the European University Institute.

Gail Whiteman, Sustainability and Climate Change Chair at Erasmus University, Professor of Sustainability at the University of Exeter Business School (UK), and Professor-in-Residence at the World Business Council for Sustainable Development.

Nina Schick, author, entrepreneur and advisor specializing in generative AI. Nina Schick is a renowned public speaker and has been published in Time Magazine, MIT Tech Review and The Times. She advises several AI and technology companies and has delivered keynote speeches for businesses and organizations including Microsoft, Adobe and the UN. She is also a seasoned media commentator, appearing regularly on BBC, Sky, Bloomberg and CNBC.

Robeco speakers

We have lined up a wide range of Robeco's senior experts for the program: from Global Macro Strategist **Martin van Vliet** and Multi-Asset expert **Colin Graham** to SI experts like our Climate and Biodiversity Strategist **Lucian Peppelenbos**, SDG expert **Jan Anton van Zanten** and our Head of Indices, **Joop Huij**. Robeco's Head of Alternative Alpha Research and Head Quant Equity Research **Weili Zhou**, and her team, will take us through innovations in next-gen quant.

Who

Key decision-makers from leading asset owners

What

Interactive education program with leading academics, industry experts and peers

When

11 October (full day)
12 October (until 14:00 CET)

Where

Robeco HQ
Weena 850
Rotterdam

Program Day 1 | 11 October

09:30-10:00	Welcome address by Robeco CEO	by Karin van Baardwijk , CEO, Robeco
10:00-10:15	Introduction program	Emma Casey , Moderator
10:00-11:00	Introduction to Expected Returns – Geopolitics – Macroeconomics	Sony Kapoor , CEO of the Nordic Institute for Finance, Technology & Sustainability, Professor of Climate, Geoeconomics & Finance at the European University Institute
11:00-11:30	Break	
11:30-12:30	Triple Power Play – Capital vs labor – China vs the US/West – Central banks vs governments	Colin Graham , Portfolio Manager Multi-Asset Solutions, Robeco Laurens Swinkels , Strategist Multi Asset Solutions, Robeco Martin van Vliet , Strategist Global Macro, Robeco
12:30-12:45	Closing Morning Program	
12:45-13:45	Lunch	
13:45-15:45	Sustainability: – Introduction – Data in climate & biodiversity – SDG's, Open Access	Kenneth Robertson , Head of SI Client Portfolio Management, Robeco Lucian Peppelenbos , Climate & Biodiversity Strategist, Robeco Jan Anton van Zanten , SDG Strategist, Robeco
	Short break	
	– The move from ESG to SDG – Engagement	Joop Huij , Head of Indices, Robeco Cristina Cedillo Torres , Engagement Specialist, Robeco
15:45-16:15	Coffee break	
16:15-16:45	Making sense of climate cues	Gail Whiteman , Professor of Sustainability at the University of Exeter Business School and Professor-in-Residence at the World Business Council for Sustainable Development
16:45-17:00	Summary Day 1	Malick Badjie , Global Head of Sales and Marketing
17:30-18:00	Transfer to dinner venue	
18:00-21:30	Dinner including A Space Odyssey: becoming Ambassadors for Planet Earth	

Program Day 2 | 12 October

08:30-09:15	Breakfast News Market highlights: what is trending today?	Kees Verbaas , Head Fundamental Equity, Robeco
09:30-10:15	The era of generative AI – 'We are about to enter a new era of machine-powered intelligence'	Nina Schick , AI Expert
10:15-12:15	Quantum leap Innovation along multiple dimensions at speed: – Intro and finding alpha in China from its unique regulatory regime – ML beyond the hype: How to practically apply ML to detect nonlinearity and interaction to create alpha – Using NLP to detect investment themes and what management may be hiding	Weili Zhou , Head of Quant Equity Research Robeco Tobias Hoogteijling , Quant Analyst/Researcher, Robeco Iman Honarvar Gheysary , Quant Analyst/Researcher, Robeco
	Short break	
	– Quant research in the era of Chat GPT – Innovation and landing in strategy	Rob Huisman , Quant Analyst/Researcher, Robeco Wilma de Groot , Head Core Quant Equity and Head Quant Portfolio Management, Robeco
12:15-12:30	Closing	
12:30-13:30	Lunch	
13:30	End of program	