Celebrating 10 years of The DC Future Book

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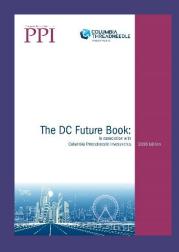






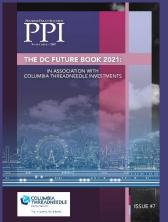
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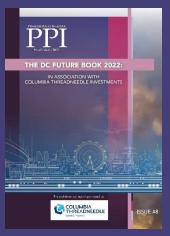












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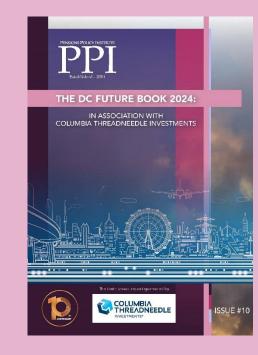
Event overview

The event today is the official launch of the 2024 edition of **The DC Future Book**, in association with



The DC Future Book sets out data available on the DC landscape alongside commentary, analysis and projections of future trends.





Key Findings

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Overview



The past 10 years of DC pensions:

- Introduction of automatic enrolment
- Shift from DB to DC schemes
- Pension freedoms
- Changes in investment trends

The future 10 years of DC pensions:

- Increased DC participation
- Technological advancements
- Policy changes to mitigate risk
- Further changes in investment trends



Key trends



Automatic enrolment

11.1m

automatically enrolled by June 2024



1m

automatically re-enrolled



Saving behaviour

8-10%

Stagnant contribution rates

12.3k



12.7k

average DC pot size

Investment

Small increase in allocation alternatives





Environment prioritised

Access

72k

annuities

110k

drawdown

320k?

Fully withdrawn

The past decade of DC pensions



 $2014/15 \rightarrow 2024$

The shift from DB to DC

- ➤ 12.4m → 8.9m total members of private sector DB
- ➤ 1.8m → 700k active members of private sector DB
- ➤ 13% → 9% of private sector DB schemes remain fully open
- \rightarrow 5.6m \rightarrow 14m active members of DC schemes

Freedom and Choice

- 189k → 72k annuities sold
- \rightarrow 40k \rightarrow 100k drawdown products sold

Automatic enrolment

- ightharpoonup 5.2m ightharpoonup 11.1m automatically enrolled
- → 3.9 million → 9.2 million members in master trusts

Investment trends

- £364bn → £650bn DC scheme aggregate assets
- Beginnings of shift from bonds and equities to more diversified strategies
- Increased ESG focus



The future decade of DC pensions



Increased DC participation

- ➤ 10.6m active members in MT and 14.9m active DC savers overall by 2044
- Median DC pension pots at SPa could grow from £44k today to £70k by 2044

Technological advancements

- Artificial intelligence and advice and guidance
- Viewing pension savings at fingertips, similar to bank balance

Investment trends

- Continued focus on ESG
- Shift from bonds and equities to alternative assets

Policy changes

- VFM Framework, Lifetime provider model, small pots consolidator, pensions dashboards
- New Pension Schemes Bill



Conclusions



- The introduction of automatic enrolment and decline of DB have facilitated a shift to DC, as well as the rise of the master trust
- Greater flexibility in accessing and managing DC savings comes with increased individual responsibility and risk
- Increased focus on ESG factors and alternative asset classes playing an increased role in DC investment
- Moving forward, Government and industry collaboration needed to mitigate risks and support savers



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Q&A with the panel

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