Time	Session	Session/Speaker
07:30	**Registration**	
09:00	**Welcome and opening remarks**	**Alishia Seckam** Master of Ceremonies
09:10	**Try the beloved country. A country alive with possibilities**	**Mandy Wiener** Host of Midday Report on 702 and Cape Talk, Columnist for EWN
09:40	**How to access global high yield returns from investment grade banks and insurance companies** • Explain how contingent capital issued by developed market banks work • Explore the risks of investing in them • Look at how regulation over the last 15 years has resulted in fundamental changes for financial debt	**Lloyd Harris** Premier Miton
10:10	**Bridging the gap: Balancing short-term access with long-term security** • The need for infrastructure is real • Performance matters, alignment between the government and the private sector on this is essential • Liquidity has real-world consequences: Structurally (regulation, best practice, expectation), our retirement funds require high levels of liquidity • The need to balance diversification with the expectations of funding mega projects • Consider the opportunities across the capital spectrum: Projects can be accessed in a myriad of ways	**Mike Adsetts** Momentum Multi-Managers
10:50	**Comfort break**	
11:15	**Digital assets in the big reset - a hedge against systemic dysfunction** • Understanding the impact of global instability on long-term value • Evaluating the role of digital assets in institutional portfolios • How to incorporate risk-managed digital exposure	**Nersan Naidoo** MidSquare
11:45	**Bond portable alpha in South Africa: Unlocking excess returns beyond benchmark constraints** • Identifying the limitations of passive bond investing • Understanding the concept and mechanics of portable alpha, including how it can be implemented in a bond portfolio to enhance risk-adjusted returns • Evaluating why Prescient's current focus is on bond portable alpha in South Africa and assessing the potential for future developments in this space	**Reza Ismail** Prescient Investment Management
12:15	**Home ground advantage or global reach? Resetting equity allocations for long-term value** • Understand the trade-offs between local bias and global diversification • Evaluate the role of valuations, liquidity, and regulatory considerations in equity allocation decisions • Identify strategic and tactical allocation approaches for pension funds navigating evolving market dynamics	**Mike Adsetts** Momentum Multi-Managers **Justin Floor** PSG Asset Management **Kondi Nkosi** Schroders Moderator: **Zamazulu Zulu** Investment Managers Group

12:55	**Lunch**	
13:55	**The pivot to private markets: Opportunities and innovation for institutional investors** • Institutional investors are navigating a more complex and volatile market landscape, prompting a strategic pivot toward private markets as portfolios evolve to meet long-term objectives • This session will examine the key forces behind this shift, emerging trends among global institutional investors and how this is transforming portfolio construction • We'll explore how innovation, particularly in infrastructure and private credit, is reshaping asset allocation and unlock new sources of resilience, return, and diversification	**Anne Parthiot-Mons** BlackRock
14:25	**Diversify or De-Risk? Alternatives as strategic anchors for the next decade** • Understand the global alternative asset trends and their relevance to South African institutions • Explore risk management and return enhancement benefits across the alternatives spectrum • Assess the strategic role of alternatives in institutional portfolios	**Lara Dalmeyer** Abax Investments **Ryan Cloete** Catalyst Fund Managers **Matthew Pouncett** Laurium Capital **Lloyd Harris** Premier Miton Moderator: **Alishia Seckam** Financial Journalist
15:05	**Comfort break**	
15:30	**The modern umbrella fund: Innovation, consolidation, and the road ahead** • Understand how evolving umbrella fund structures are improving cost efficiency, transparency, and governance for institutional investors • Evaluate key trends shaping the future of umbrella funds, including consolidation, the emergence of commercial platforms, and the integration of technology • Identify the strategic priorities trustees and consultants should focus on over the next 5–10 years to align with regulatory shifts, member expectations, and long-term sustainability	**Iva Madjarova** Sygnia
16:00	**Hedging strategies in a world of chaos** • Hedge funds thrive on uncertainty, but have they delivered the appropriate risk adjusted returns to justify inclusion in pension funds? • The multi-manager's challenge of constructing portfolios with hedge funds: diversification, liquidity tiers, and monitoring • How hedge funds can meet changing client expectations in light of Two-Pot reforms and rising scrutiny over fees and impact • What needs to change - product design, engagement, education - hedge funds to regain traction with institutional allocators	**Felix Ubogu** - Alexforbes Investments **Melissa Breda** - Public Investment Corporation **Lethu Zulu** - Sanlam Investments Multi-Manager **Shainal Sukha** - Sukha and Associates Moderator: **Lebo Thubisi** Abax Investments
16:40	**Closing comments**	**Alishia Seckam** Master of Ceremonies
16:45	**Industry networking**	