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FROM THE EDITOR

In the report on World Population Aging, published in 2013 by The Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations, it stated: “The global share of older people (aged 60 years or over) increased from 9.2 percent in 1990 to 11.7 percent in 2013 and will continue to grow as a proportion of the world population, reaching 21.1 percent by 2050. Globally, the number of older persons (aged 60 years or over) is expected to more than double, from 841 million people in 2013 to more than 2 billion in 2050.” Bank of America’s Sarbjit Nahal and Beijia Ma are quoted in the June 12, 2014 *Business Insider* as saying “Longevity risk is hugely underestimated. Longevity risk will be one of the most significant challenges facing retirement systems over the next 50 years, with global annuity and pension-related exposure estimated to be as high as US\$15–25 trillion.”

With our goal for the guides to provide a single reference to the investment community on cutting edge topics in mind, we bring you the guide to *Pension and Longevity Risk Transfer for Institutional Investors*. The guide includes discussions about the first steps in longevity risk management, balancing longevity risk, terminated vested cashouts, analyzing the costs and benefits of pension risk transfer, mortality plateaus and the pricing of longevity insurance, longevity risk assessment for defined benefit pension plans, and the risk-return appraisal of longevity swaps.

As always, we hope you find the information presented in the guide useful and insightful.

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Editor

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