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"Investment Strategies for Challenging Times" is the theme for the 2015 Investment Symposium, to be taking place at the Westin Hotel in Philadelphia on March 26-27, 2015. No matter what your field of practice is, the investment environment impacts your role. The Society of Actuaries Investment Symposium is a great place for practitioners in asset-liability management departments, corporate finance, risk management, valuation or audit departments to network with each other and learn about the new developments in the investing landscape.

Prior Investment Symposiums have featured prominent investment thinkers such as Robert Merton, presenting on the challenges of managing a defined contribution pension plan; Emanuel Derman, discussing actuarial model behavior; Peter Bernstein, discussing the global economy and capital markets; Zvi Bodie, talking about the convergence of portfolio management and financial engineering in the area of pensions; and Robert Arnott, presenting on demographics trends and investments.

The 2015 event continues our tradition of delivering top speakers. Key sessions will include a Panel of Chief Investment Officers, where CIOs will discuss trends in asset allocation, investment risks, product development, the equity risk premium, and many more topics; how demographics will shape the investment world by Amlan Roy of Credit Suisse; and an economic overview by Luke Tilley of the Philadelphia Federal Reserve.

Breakout sessions will fall under five broad topics: 1) retirement income security; 2) portfolio management and strategies; 3) ALM, quantitative risk management, trading; 4) economics, regulation, governance; and 5) demographics, environmental and social investing. Some of the topics covered will include smart beta, quantitative risk management, model governance and socially responsible investing.

For more details and to register for the meeting, check out the Investment Symposium website at www.investmentsymposium.org. The organizing committee has been hard at work recruiting great speakers and preparing relevant sessions with strong educational content. We look forward to seeing you there.

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