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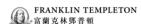
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HKRSA x Metro Finance FM104

RETIREMENT PLANNING AND EDUCATION PROGRAMME 2025 退「優」新思維

The Hong Kong Retirement Schemes Association (HKRSA) is collaborating with Metro Finance for the second time to launch a new series of radio programs focusing on retirement planning and education. The aim is to bring awareness about pre- and post-retirement planning and promote financial literacy among the general public in Hong Kong.

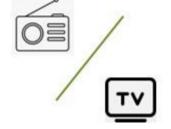
Starting from 8 May 2025, the weekly Thursday, a 30-minute radio program (re-run every Saturday) entitled 退 「優」新思維 will be broadcasted in Cantonese on Metro Finance FM104 (our media partner). The topics are:

Episode	Date	Topics
1	8-May	Maximize MPF with Smart Investments(善用強積金作精明投資)
2	15-May	Al Revolution for Investment (Al 締造退休投資新方向)
3	22-May	Big Data Analytics of Retirement Planning (大數據掌控退休理財計劃)
4	29-May	Index Investment for MPF (指數化強積金投資策略)
5	5-Jun	Retirement Schemes for Gen Z (Z世代的退休計劃)
6	12-Jun	Pension System - The Way Forward (退休金制度的未來)

Each episode will feature guest speakers giving a diverse and balanced view on the above topics. A timetable of episodes and guest speakers is provided in the overleaf. Do tune in and listen to each episode. Recording will also be available on www.metroradio.com.hk, Metro Broadcast Corporation Limited App and HKRSA website www.hkrsa.org.hk

We invite you to listen to Metro Finance FM104退「優」新思維 For information about the schedule, topics and guest speakers for the later episodes, please download PROGRAMME DETAIL.





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Starting from 8 May 2025 at 7:30 - 8:00 pm for 6 consecutive Thursdays

(re-run every Saturday at 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm)



香港退休計劃協會

The Hong Kong Retirement Schemes Association

2025 ANNUAL DINNER

Live Fresh. Live Free. Live Young

Date: Thursday, 12 June 2025

Time: Cocktails start at 6:30pm

Dinner will be served at 7:00pm

Renaissance Harbour View Hotel Hong Kong

RSVP

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Post Cross Strait Forum on 13 Mar 2025

The 2024 Post Cross Straits Pension Forum sharing session was successfully held on 13 March 2025 at the KPMG office, with 18 participants from industry institutions and government bodies. The event featured insights from three government representatives: Mr. Ho Kai Ming (Labour and Welfare Bureau), Mr. Andrew Fan (Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau), and Mr. Kent Yau (Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority).

The seminar commenced with regional updates from Cross Straits Pension Forum task force members across the four jurisdictions. Ka Shi Lau, Convener of the Cross Straits Pension Forum, presented on Hong Kong and Macao's retirement systems, while Patrick Chan, a member of the Profile & Events Sub-Committee, analyzed the Mainland China's pension landscape. Janet Li, Cross Straits Forum Taskforce member, shared developments in Taiwan, and Professor Wong Yu Cheung, CSF TF member, introduced the HKRSA's 2024 research about retirement in GBA.

In the panel discussion moderated by Elvin Tharm, CSF TF member, participants explored critical themes such as policy reforms, retirement savings strategies, and cross-border collaboration opportunities, building on the momentum of the 13th Cross-Strait Forum held in Taiwan in October 2024.

The event provided a dynamic platform for dialogue between industry leaders and policymakers, fostering deeper understanding of challenges and innovations in pension fund management. HKRSA looks forward to continuing these dialogues and strengthening partnerships to shape the future of retirement security in the region.

2024年海峽兩岸暨港澳地區養老保險研討會之分享會於 2025年3月13日在畢馬威辦公室舉行,來自業界,政府部 門和香港退休計劃協會共18位嘉賓出席此次活動。三位政 府代表包括勞工及福利局 - 何啟明先生、財經事務及庫務 局 - 范國訊先生 和積金局 - 尤浩然先生都分享了他們的見 解。

分享會首先由海峽兩岸暨港澳地區工作小組成員介紹四地的最新情況。工作小組召集人劉嘉時介紹了香港和澳門的退休制度,而活動籌組小組委員會成員陳浩明則分析了內地退休金狀況;工作小組成員李子恩分享了台灣的發展情況;工作小組成員黃於唱教授則介紹了香港退休計劃協會2024年發佈之大灣區退休研究報告。 在工作小組成員譚旭耀主持的討論中,與參加者探討了政策改革、退休儲蓄策略和跨境合作機會等主議題,以延續2024年10月在台灣舉行的第13屆海峽兩岸暨港澳地區養老保險研討會的勢頭。這項活動為業界和政策制定者搭建了交流平台,促進了對退休基金管理挑戰和創新的更深入理解。

香港退休計劃協會期待繼續有關對話並加強合作關係,共 同塑造更美好的退休保障未來。









HR Roundtable Workgroup Meeting on 18 Mar 2025

Navigating the Challenges of Attracting and Retaining Talents by MTR Corporation

The 11th HR Roundtable Workgroup meeting took place on 18 March, 2025 at the office of Taikang Asset Management (Hong Kong) Company Limited, bringing together 22 HR professionals and committee members. We were pleased to welcome Ms Ivy Yuen from MTR Corporation who shared her valuable insights on navigating the challenges of attracting and retaining talents in today's competitive landscape. She highlighted MTR's experiences in adopting innovative and adaptable recruitment strategies, along with the significance of strengthening the employer brand, fostering employee engagement, and dedicating efforts to the continuous evolution of talent strategies.

To enhance the relevance of our meetings for Workgroup participants, the Workgroup has actively gathered feedback on topics that members are eager to share and discuss. This valuable input is crucial for shaping the agenda for future meetings, ensuring that our sessions address the needs and concerns of the HR community.

The next meeting is scheduled for 29 May 2025. If you are interested in participating in this enriching and interactive platform, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Secretariat of HKRSA at events@hkrsa.org.hk. We look forward to welcoming you as part of this vibrant Workgroup!

第十一次人力資源圓桌工作小組 (WG)於 2025年3月18日在泰康資產管理(香港)有限公司的辦公室舉行·共有22位人力資源專業人員和WG委員會成員參加。我們很高興邀請到來自港鐵公司的袁皚惠女士分享她在當前競爭激烈的人力資源市場中吸引和留住人才的寶貴見解。她分享了港鐵公司運用創新和靈活招聘策略的經驗·以及加強僱主品牌、提升員工歸屬感及持續檢視和調整人才策略的重要性。

此外,工作小組積極收集了成員感興趣的主題,這些寶貴 的意見有助釐訂未來工作小組的議程,確保交流的內容有 效回應人力資源行業的實際需求和關注。

下一次會議定於 2025 年 5 月 29 日舉行。如果你有興趣參與這個內容豐富的互動交流平台.請隨時聯繫香港退休計劃協會秘書處.電郵地址為events@hkrsa.org.hk。我們期待你成為工作小組的一員!







ORSO – The Current State and Future Direction

The webinar began with Natasha Ho giving an overview of the typical retirement schemes in HK, including the Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) and Occupational Retirement Schemes Ordinance (ORSO), and then zooming more into ORSO schemes. Out of approximately 3 million eligible employees in Hong Kong, only 9% are members of ORSO schemes. There are around 2,700 registered ORSO schemes with total assets of HK\$290 billion. ORSO schemes are categorized based on three defining features: (1) MPF-exempt vs. Non-MPF exempt, (2) Defined Benefit (DB) vs. Defined Contribution (DC), and (3) Pooled vs. Non-pooled. Natasha then shared findings from WTW's Benefits Design Practices (BDP) Survey and provided some insights into several key features of ORSO schemes, including employer contribution rates, vesting scales, and the number of fund choices.

In the second part, Phoebe Shair shared considerations for employers when deciding whether to maintain ORSO schemes, comparing MPF-exempt and non-MPF exempt schemes, DB vs. DC schemes, and pooled vs. non-pooled arrangements. She went through two case studies, including an MPF-exempt Consolidation case whereby an employer consolidated ORSO and MPF schemes to enhance operational efficiency, another Non-pooled Enhancement case whereby the employer transitioned from a non-pooled to a pooled ORSO scheme to reduce compliance risks and costs. She also highlighted recent trends such as the reduction of guaranteed fund rates, the closure of pooled ORSO schemes, and increased outsourcing.

The webinar ended with a brief Q&A session moderated by Elvin Tharm. Overall, the key message of the webinar is that ORSO can be an effective retirement scheme used for employee retention and engagement and that each scheme is unique with different features.

是次網絡研討會主要探討職業退休計劃條例(ORSO)的現況和最新的發展趨勢。首先由Natasha Ho講解香港典型的退休計劃·比較強積金 (MPF)和職業退休計劃條例 (ORSO)的分別·然後再深入探討ORSO。最新數字表示·香港約有300萬合資格僱員·其中約9%是ORSO計劃的成員。目前有大約2,700個註冊的 ORSO 計劃·總資產約2,900億港元。ORSO會根據三個特徵進行分類·包括(1)MPF 豁免與非 MPF 豁免, (2) 界定利益與界定供款,及(3) 參與匯集協議與不參與匯集協議的計劃。Natasha在研討會分享了章萊韜悅Benefit Design Practices的調查結果·並就ORSO計劃的數個範疇進行分析·包括僱主供款率、歸屬比例和基金選擇數量等。

在研討會的第二部分·Phoebe Shair分享了僱主在決定是否維持 ORSO時的主要考慮因素·並比較了不同特徵的ORSO計劃需要作 出的相應安排。Phoebe通過分享兩個案例去解釋市場的趨勢·其中包括ORSO計劃的合併案例和增强案例。在合併案例下·僱主合併了 ORSO 和 MPF 計劃·以提高運營效率;在增强案例下·僱主如何順利從非匯集協議的ORSO過渡到匯集協議的計劃中·以減低合規風險和成本。Phoebe亦分享了其他最新的趨勢·例如保證基金利率的下調、ORSO計劃的關閉、以及更多僱主選擇將ORSO委外。

網絡研討會在Elvin Tharm 主持的簡短問答環節之後結束。 總括來 說,網絡研討會的主要信息是 ORSO 可以作為保留員工和增加員工參與度的有效退休計劃,而每個計劃都有不同的特徵。





The Future of eMPF and MPF funds development

The HKRSA held an in-person seminar with the theme "The Future of eMPF and MPF Funds Development" at the PwC offices on 10 April 2025. The creation of the eMPF Platform is a transformative change in Hong Kong's pension market system architecture. It is built and operated by the eMPF Platform Company Limited to keep pace with the digital era and facilitate future reform of the MPF system. This event saw strong attendance, with regulators, employers, industry providers and experts gathering to share key MPF advancements.

After an opening remarks by Ms. Janet Li welcoming speakers and attendees, HKRSA Chairman, Ms. Cynthia Hui, COO and Executive Director of the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority, delivered a keynote speech outlining how the eMPF Platform enhances efficiency, accuracy, and user experience in MPF scheme administration, and how eMPF changes the ecosystem of the MPF regime. To delve into greater details, Cynthia joined a panel with Ms. Ka Shi Lau, Chairman of Hong Kong Trustees' Association representing the industry, and Ms. Elaine Hwang, Senior Director from WTW representing employers and they shared and discussed the practical tips to employers for a smooth transition to the eMPF Platform, emphasizing early preparation, staff training. communication, and system integration to minimize disruptions. The discussion was lively moderated by Mr. Albert Lo, Partner, Hong Kong Financial Services Consulting Leader, PwC.

As investment is another important component of retirement schemes, the second part of the seminar focuses on passive funds and ETFs which have gained significant attention worldwide. As their popularity rises, we would like to explore how this trend is influencing the current investment options available in MPF portfolios, especially after the launch of eMPF. For this topic, an interactive dialogue was held with Mr. Matthew Chan, Senior Vice President of China AMC, and Mr Ronald Lam, Head of Institutional Business of Mirae Asset Global Investments, joined Mr. Elvin Tharm, Chairman of our Business Strategy Subcommittee on how ETFs can serve as efficient, diversified, and transparent building blocks, offering members a greater flexibility and long-term growth opportunities in retirement portfolios.

Ms Penny Leung, Vice Chairman of Profile & Event Subcommittee, delivered a closing remarks thanking the speakers and participants for active participation and insightful discussion. The seminar fostered lively discussions and knowledge-sharing, with attendees gaining valuable insights on digital transformation via the eMPF Platform, best practices, and trends on ETF. The high turnout and engagement underscored the industry's commitment to improving MPF efficiency and enhancing member benefits.







積金易的未來及強積金基金發展

香港退休計劃協會於2025年4月10日舉辦以「積金易的未來及強積金基金發展」為主題的實體研討,並在於羅兵咸永道會議室舉行。積金易平台的推出是香港退休金體系架構的革新,由積金易平台有限公司建立和運營,以緊隨數碼時代的步伐,促進未來強積金制度的改革。 本次活動出席人數眾多,監管機構、僱主和行業專家齊聚一堂,共同探討強積金的關鍵進展。

研討會首先由本協會主席李子恩女士致開幕辭,歡迎演講嘉賓及與會人員後‧隨後強制性公積金計劃管理局之運營總監兼執行董事許慧儀女士發表主題演講‧概述了「積金易」平台如何提高強積金計劃管理的效率、準確性和用戶體驗‧以及如何改變強積金制度的生態系統。為了深入了解詳情‧小組討論由許慧儀女士與代表業界的香港信託人公會主席劉嘉時女士和代表僱主的韜睿惠悅香港有限公司之高級總監黃毅林女士一起參加了小組討論,並由羅兵咸永道香港金融業諮詢主管合夥人盧啟豪先生主持‧分享並討論了僱主順利過渡到「積金易」平台的實用技巧‧強調早期準備、員工培訓、溝通和系統集成‧以盡量減少干擾等等問題‧現場氣氛十分熱烈。

鑒於投資是退休計劃的另一個重要組成部分,研討會的第二部分重點關注在全球範圍內受到廣泛關注的被動型基金和ETF。隨著強積金越來越受歡迎,就此探討這個趨勢如何影響強積金投資組合中現有的投資選擇,尤其是在推出「積金易」之後。針對這一主題,華夏基金管理公司高級副總裁陳皥軒先生、未來資產環球投資機構業務主管林錦源先生以及本協會的業務策略小組委員會主席譚旭耀先生進行了互動對話,探討了ETF如何作為高效、多元化和透明的基石,為會員在退休投資組合中提供更大的靈活性和長期增長機會。

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最後由本會之活動籌組小組委員會副主席梁碧靄女士致閉幕詞·感謝演講嘉賓及與會者的積極參與和富有洞察力的討論。研討會促進了熱烈的討論和知識共享·與會者獲得了有關透過「積金易」平台進行數碼轉型、最佳實踐以及ETF趨勢的寶貴見解。高出席率和參與度凸顯了業界對提高強積金效率和提升會員利益的決心。









A New Era of Globalization - Shifting Opportunities in a Dual-Track World

Globalization has entered a new era, splitting into two distinct tracks:

- Track 1: A select number of industries critical for economic or national security, such as energy, semiconductors, and AI, have seen a sharp deceleration in globalization, leading to increased reshoring, near-shoring, and friend-shoring activities. While it only represents 25% of global GDP, these critical sectors feed into the broader economy.
- Track 2: A vast array of cross-border goods and services such as apparel and consumer electronics continues to advance with globalization.

Investment Implications

These changes present opportunities in four key sectors:

- Semiconductors and AI Industry leaders like TSMC that have begun diversifying customer base and geographic footprint are likely to benefit from a "winner-take-all" dynamic.
- Electric vehicles Pureplay leading manufacturers including Tesla and BYD see growth opportunities via exports and new ventures.
- Real estate Industrial real estate opportunities arise on both sides of the US-Mexico border as production shifts there.
- 4. Critical minerals and metals Copper remain a sweet spot for investors given the robust long-term demand and limited supply.

Portfolio Implications

Investors need to reconsider the various ways these new tensions are rippling across their portfolios:

- The new era of globalization is creating new national winners in manufacturing and mining. Countries set to benefit are those with existing industrial capacity that can be more attractive for reshoring and near-shoring activities.
- A top-down risk framework is necessary to identify countries vulnerable to energy price shocks.
- 3. Stress-test portfolios for geopolitical scenarios to ensure sufficient diversification.
- Volatility driven by economic policy uncertainty can increase asset correlations, derailing portfolio diversification assumptions. Investors should therefore explore option-based hedging strategies to mitigate the risks associated with asset correlation breakdowns.

全球化新時代 - 雙軌世界中的轉變機遇

全球化已進入新時代,並分化為兩條截然不同的軌道:

- 第一條軌道:能源、先進半導體和人工智能等對經濟或國家安全至關重要的行業正在經歷去全球化,導致回流、近岸外包和友岸外包活動增加。雖然這些關鍵產業僅佔全球 GDP 的25%,但它們對整體經濟有大規模影響。
- 第二條軌道:大量商品和服務仍基於比較經濟優勢進行跨境 貿易。

投資機遇

這些變化為四個關鍵領域帶來了機會:

- 1. 先進半導體和人工智能: 台積電等行業龍頭可憑藉其跨領域 的客戶群及多元化的地理佈局從「贏者通吃」的格局中受益。
- 2. 電動車:特斯拉和比亞迪等主導當前電動車市場的公司有望繼續佔據主導地位。
- 3. 房地產: 近岸外包的趨勢為美墨邊境兩側的工業地產帶來發展動能。
- 4. 金屬與礦產:鑑於長期強勁的需求和有限的供應,銅仍然是 投資者的理想選擇。

對投資組合的啟示

投資者需要重新考慮這些緊張局勢將如何影響其投資組合:

- 1. 全球化新時代正在改變贏家·已經具備一定製造能力的國家 通常會帶來吸引力。
- 投資者應建立一個新的風險框架來識別那些容易受到大宗能源價格衝擊影響的國家。
- 3. 投資者應對投資組合進行地緣政治壓力測試。
- 4. 經濟政策不確定性所導致的波動可能會增加資產相關性,從 而破壞投資組合多樣化的假設。因此,投資者應該探索基於 期權的策略,以減輕與資產相關性崩潰相關的風險。



Presentation review:

www.hkrsa.org.hk/image/catalog/Webinar%20on%2024%20Apr%2025_PGIM.pdf

Premier Sponsor Column (Apr 2025)

We are delighted to feature articles in both English & Traditional Chinese versions by Allianz Global Investors, Fidelity and PGIM Fixed Income providing invaluable insights on how we can better plan for our retirement. Stay tuned for more in our April 2025 issue!

Allianz Global Investors

High Yield Bonds – Myths vs. Reality 高收益債券的迷思與現實

Fidelity

Hong Kongers prioritise emergency savings with cautious financial habits

港人財務習慣趨審慎視應急錢為首要目標

PGIM Fixed Income

The State of Securitization from SFVegas 從 SFVegas 大會看證券化信貸的現況



Upcoming HKRSA event

HKRSA X Invesco Webinar

Topic: Good Investment Vehicles for Retired Funds

Date: 21 May, 2025 (Wednesday)

Time: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Language: English

Fee: Free Register here



Upcoming HKRSA event

HKRSA X HSBC Webinar

Topic:規劃財務以迎接美好的退休生活 Date: 25 June, 2025 (Wednesday)

Time: 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Language: Cantonese

Fee: Free

Upcoming External event

HKIFA 18th Annual Conference – enroll now Monday, June 23rd, 2025 JW Marriott Hong Kong



You are cordially invited to enroll into the HKIFA 18th Annual Conference, which will be held at JW Marriott Hong Kong on Monday, June 23rd, 2025. With the theme "Are You Ready for the Next Evolution?", the Conference aims to provide a platform to facilitate in-depth discussions of key factors that will shape the future of the fund management industry.

Some of the topics that will be covered:

- Collaboration and connectivity from the perspectives of regulators, fund managers and distributors
- Mainland-related initiatives what is the current state of play and what next
- Distribution how the landscape is changing
- Al/Technology what are the impacts for the financial services industry?
- Opportunities and challenges in the Middle East and Southeast Asia
- Key trends shaping the future of alternative investments

For more event details and registration: www.plus-concepts.com/hkifa2025/

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About HKRSA

The Hong Kong Retirement Schemes Association (HKRSA) was established in 1996 to promote the interests and best practices of retirement schemes in Hong Kong including provident and pooled retirement funds. The HKRSA is a not-for-profit, non-political association, which represents retirement schemes and their members, providing a forum for discussion of issues of current and topical interest.

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