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Mon Apr 20

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**Pre-event Padel Up experience**

Kick off The Annual in LA with our pre-event Padel Up experience. This session begins with a one-hour introductory padel lesson led by expert coaches, followed by open play and friendly

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**Registration, welcome lunch & networking**

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**Welcome remarks**

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### Is US exceptionalism over? Rethinking global leadership in markets and capital

This session examines whether the US's dominance - economically, geopolitically, and in financial markets - is entering a new phase. For institutional allocators, the implications are



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### Separating giants: Investing in a world where China and the US diverge

The US and China are diverging economically, technologically and politically, creating new challenges (and opportunities) for institutional investors. Portfolio construction and



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### Liquidity engineering: How investors & fund managers are solving the distribution drought

As traditional exits remain sluggish, investors are turning to creative liquidity solutions. From the rise of fund manager-led secondaries and NAV loans to increased use of public market



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**Headline presentation**

- Presentation from T. Rowe Price -

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**Separating alpha from beta: Where institutional investors are really getting paid**

Institutional investors are asking tougher questions than ever: Where is true alpha being generated, and where are we paying fees for beta exposure? With multi-asset portfolios



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**Specialist strategy showcase**

With 15 minutes each on the clock, three managers will discuss the market drivers that guide their investment strategies, spotlighting public and private investment opportunities. The



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**Cocktail reception**

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**Breakfast - investor-only exchange**

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**Breakfast**

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**Welcome remarks & With Intelligence market insights**

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**Fireside chat with Stephen Witt**  
 Mr. Witt is a Los Angeles-based author, television producer, and investigative journalist. He frequently writes for The New Yorker magazine, and his latest book "The Thinking Machine, the  
 **Stephen Witt** (<https://events.withintelligence.com/theannual/agenda/speakers/3855318>)  
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 Keynote

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**Are we living in a valuation bubble or a new dawn?**

Public equity markets remain near record highs, private market marks are slow to reset, and risk assets are thriving despite higher rates and mounting fiscal pressures. Are we witnessing a

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**When machines become CIOs: Are humans the weak link in portfolio construction?**

The promise is enormous: cleaner signals, faster optimization, continuous risk recalibration, and the scaling of investment judgment beyond human limits. But the risks are equally profound. AI

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**Headline presentation**

- Presentation from Principal Investments -

 **Mr. George Maris** (<https://events.withintelligence.com/theannual/agenda/speakers/3878923>)  
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 Principal Asset ...  
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**Hedge funds: Diversifier, defender or dead weight?**

After years of mixed performance and fee compression, hedge funds are regaining attention from institutional investors; not as high-octane return engines, but as strategic tools for



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**Bonds are back - but not as we knew them**

After a decade of near-zero yields, fixed income has re-emerged as a true return source — but also as a complex strategic decision. With rates structurally higher, inflation sticky, and global

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**Breakout 1A: Boards, biases & best practice: Evolving governance across ...**

Effective governance is critical for institutional investors, but approaches differ widely between pension funds, endowments, and family offices. Pension funds often operate with formal committees, [Read More](https://events.withintelligence.com/theannual/agenda/session/1755825)



**Brendan MacMillan** (<https://events.withintelligence.com/theannual/agenda/speakers/3841816>)

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**Breakout 2A: Unlocking real value in asset-based finance**

The retrenchment of US regional banks from certain lending activities has increased investor attention on asset-based finance (ABF). From infrastructure and equipment leasing to trade receivables, real [Read More \(https://events.withintelligence.com/theannual/agenda/session/1755827\)](https://events.withintelligence.com/theannual/agenda/session/1755827)

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 - Presentation from BlackRock -

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**BlackRock**

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**From core to digital & decarbonized: Infrastructure's next chapter**

As infrastructure evolves from traditional 'core' assets like utilities and roads, to the fast-growing domains of digital infrastructure and decarbonized energy systems, institutional

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🔍 **CIO fireside chat**

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**Cocktail reception**

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**If 60/40 is broken, what comes next?**

Rising rates, fiscal dominance, and persistent inflation have challenged the foundational assumptions of institutional portfolio construction. Correlations between stocks and bonds

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**The quant invasion: how systematic strategies are reshaping traditional portfolios**

Quantitative and systematic strategies are no longer niche: they're now integrated across public equities, fixed income, alternatives, and even private markets. This panel explores



**Karishma Kaul** (<https://events.withintelligence.com/theannual/agenda/speakers/3880827>)  
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**Rethinking emerging markets: Structural opportunity or perpetual value trap?**

Emerging markets are at an inflection point. After years of underperformance relative to developed markets, shifting global dynamics - from supply chain realignment and onshoring to



**Amit Thanki** (<https://events.withintelligence.com/theannual/agenda/speakers/3857037>)  
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 San Bernardino...  
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**Closing CEO panel: 20 years of change, 20 years ahead – the next era of institutional investing**

🔍 This session will bring together senior allocators to reflect on the past 20 years since the launch of The Annual, and look forward to what is to come. Panellists will take stock of two



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**Closing Lunch**