

Speaker Bios

Ken Akoundi



For the last 18 years, Ken has been publishing Investor DNA (www.investordna.net), a daily newsletter for Long Term Investors, providing insightful readings at the interface of Investment, risk, technology, and well-being. He also helps many Long Term Investors discern their functional needs, and identify and implement solutions that remedy them.

Prior to this Ken was the President of ASPN Solutions (Spin-off from Protégé Partners), a financial technology company that challenged how Long Term Investors managed their processes. ASPN Solution's first product was a comprehensive solution designed to empower Long Term Investors across all their quantitative and qualitative needs.

Before Protégé, he was the Head of Sales for Global Markets at Opera Solutions (a McKinsey Spinoff). His mandate included building relationships with Long Term Investors, by developing new Big Data products.

At Deutsche Bank, he created Global Markets' Pension Strategies and Solutions. The group focused on providing Long Term Investors access to competitive and practical Capital Markets solutions that addressed many aspects of their business, ranging from Risk Parity to liability Immunization.

Prior to joining Deutsche Bank, he headed risk management at Optima Fund Management (a \$6 Billion peak-assets Fund of Hedge Funds). In 1998, he co-founded RiskMetrics Group, where he last held the position of Chief Knowledge Officer. He started his career at J.P. Morgan as a software developer.

He has lectured and published on topics ranging from risk management, to strategy, and meditation. Ken holds a Doctorate in Civil Engineering from NYU's Tendon School of Engineering.

Vonda Brunsting

Vonda Brunsting works with the Initiative for Responsible Investment at the Center for Public Leadership of the Harvard Kennedy School. In partnership with the Grantham Institute at LSE, she is launching a project on Investing in the Just Transition, which aims to build a clean energy economy that works for communities and working people. Previously, she was director of the Capital Stewardship Program Service Employees International Union (SEIU).



Vonda served as a trustee on the SEIU Master Trust Pension Plan and on the board of the Council of Institutional Investors. Prior to joining SEIU, Vonda Brunsting co-founded two community organizations devoted to leadership development and community change and worked on community finance initiatives at the University of New Hampshire and the Harvard Business School.

She received her B.A. from Calvin College and holds a Master's degree in Public Policy from the University of Chicago.

Robert Discolo, CFA, CAIA

Mr. Discolo is currently Chief Executive Officer/Chief Investment Officer of River Partners, a \$1.5 billion+ Family Office that invests primarily in equities and alternative investments.



Prior to River Partners Mr. Discolo was Executive Vice President, Investments, at Permal Group, an investment firm that managed in excess of \$20 billion. Mr. Discolo was also a member of the Group's Global Investment Committee.

Mr. Discolo spent 14 years at AIG Investments (and its successor, Pinebridge Investments) , where he was a Managing Director and Head of Hedge Fund Solutions Group, ultimately responsible for managing over \$10 billion in proprietary and client assets in hedge funds and other alternative asset classes.

Prior to joining AIG, Mr. Discolo spent 7 years at Bank Julius Baer where he was head of the Public/Private Funds Group, and before that was at Merrill Lynch in Private Equity Partnership Financing, having started at Drexel Burnham Lambert after graduating college.

Mr. Discolo has authored and co-authored several papers on alternative investing and is a frequent speaker at alternative investment conferences. Mr. Discolo is a CFA® and CAIA Charterholder, former U.S Army Military Police Sergeant. He currently serves on the Board of Directors at CFANY.

Mr. Discolo holds an M.B.A. from Pace University, Lubin School of Business, New York, and a B.S. from St John's University, Jamaica, New York.

Jon Lukomnik

Forbes calls Jon Lukomnik one of the pioneers of modern corporate governance.

Jon serves as executive director of the IRRC Institute, whose research has been widely praised for objectively examining fundamental corporate governance and capital market issues. He is also the managing partner of Sinclair Capital LLC, a strategic consultancy to asset owners and asset managers. He co-founded the International Corporate Governance Network (ICGN) and Governance Metrics International (now part of MSCI), and served as interim chair of the Council of Institutional Investors' executive committee.



Jon served as Deputy Comptroller and Investment Advisor for New York City's pension funds in the 1990s and has invested or overseen more than \$150 billion in institutional assets during his career. He has been a director for various public companies, private companies, not-for-profit corporations and litigation trusts. He has consulted to major institutional investors with aggregate assets of more than half a trillion dollars including the New York State Common Retirement Fund, Maryland State Retirement and Pension System, Nikko Asset Management, International Finance Corporation, Legg Mason, and Savings Bank Life Insurance USA. Jon currently serves as a trustee for the Van Eck mutual fund complex in the United States and related investment trusts in Ireland, as a member of the Standing Advisory Committee for the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, and on Deloitte's Audit Quality Advisory Committee. He was a member of the official creditors committee which rehabilitated WorldCom following its fraud and bankruptcy.

Mr. Lukomnik has been honored by the International Corporate Governance Association, National Association of Corporate Directors, Ethisphere and Global Proxy Watch. More than 200 of Jon's articles have been published in academic and practitioner journals. His most recent book is *What They Do With Your Money: How the Financial System Fails US and How To Fix It*.

Wayne Moore

Wayne Moore was appointed to the Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association Board of Investment in February 2017. He currently serves as Board Secretary. Wayne Moore was also appointed to the Los Angeles Fire and Police Pension Board in February 2010 and served through December 2014. He retired from public service employment in December 2012 after having been an executive public administrator in Los Angeles County for over 25 years, serving as Director, Office of Management and Budget for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, CFO of the City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Asst. General Manager of City Department of Transportation, and CFO of the Southern California Association of Governments. While serving as a trustee, he was active in the LA Trustees Network pursuing issues such as the cost of investing and asset manager performance on behalf of beneficiaries and participants in Defined Benefit public pension plans. He presented his research and findings nationally and internationally at the Harvard Kennedy School Trustee Leadership Forum, the Committee on Workers Capital, AFL/CIO, SEIU, LIUNA and SACRS sponsored conferences and workshops.



Wayne is an active member of the Los Angeles community. He is a fourteen year member, and current Board Chair of the Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic, a 91 year old mental health care service provider in south Los Angeles; he is Scholarship Committee Chair of the Bridge Foundation, overseeing implementation of K – 12 mentoring, tutoring and scholarship programs. He also serves on the Board of the Brookmore Apartment Corporation overseeing the management of 9 low income and senior housing developments in Los Angeles County.

Wayne Moore is a United States Air Force veteran. He attained a BS degree in Finance and MS degree in Public Administration from California State University, Los Angeles.

Lenore Palladino



Lenore Palladino is Senior Economist and Policy Counsel at the Roosevelt Institute, where she brings expertise to Roosevelt's work on inequality, corporate governance, and finance. Lenore was most recently Vice President for Policy & Campaigns at Demos, where she built Demos's strategic campaigns department. Her research and writing focus on financial reform, financial taxation, labor rights, and fiscal crises. Her publications have appeared in The Nation, The New Republic, State Tax Notes, and other venues.

Palladino earned a BA from the University of Chicago, a JD from Fordham Law School, and a PhD in Economics from the

New School University.

Anna Pot



Anna Pot is Manager, Responsible Investments for APG Asset Management N.V., which manages €467 billion (October 2017) in Dutch pension assets. Anna started at APG in 2008 and currently works in the New York office with the capital markets teams on engaging U.S. companies and further integrating ESG considerations in the investment process. Anna is responsible for sustainability dialogues with companies and for APG's inclusion/exclusion policy. Before joining APG, she coordinated the human rights and business sector program of Amnesty International Netherlands, and managed a sustainable investment fund at ING.

Anna has a Masters of Political Science, International Relations, Human Rights and International Law from the University of Amsterdam.

Monte Tarbox



Monte Tarbox is the Executive Director, Investments for the National Electrical Benefit Fund (NEBF) which provides pension benefits to IBEW construction electricians nation-wide. NEBF has over 500,000 participants, over 9,000 contributing employers and assets of \$14 billion. Monte has over 27 years of experience as an investment officer and advisor serving multi-employer pension funds and other institutional investors in the United States and Australia. Prior to NEBF,

Monte was CIO at the IAM National Pension Fund in Washington. Monte has a BA from Carleton College and an MBA from the University of Chicago