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Warning on pensioners' longevity

The Pensions Regulator has told pension scheme trustees that they should use more realistic assumptions about how long their members are likely to live.

The regulator has become concerned that many final-salary pension schemes are underestimating longevity.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/business/7250459.stm>

Hutton favours gradual pension age rise

Pension ages should rise gradually in line with a formula that takes account of increases in life expectancy – rather than jumping by a year at dates set out by legislation – Lord Hutton, the Labour former cabinet minister, who is reviewing public sector pensions, has suggested.

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/2/47d10866-e5f7-11df-af15-00144feabdc0.html>

Grã-Bretanha corta gastos e eleva idade para aposentadorias

LONDRES - O governo britânico anunciou nesta quarta-feira que irá cortar quase meio milhão de empregos do setor público, elevar a idade de aposentadoria e reduzir os benefícios sociais como parte da maior contenção de gastos em décadas.

<http://oglobo.globo.com/economia/mat/2010/10/20/gra-bretanha-corta-gastos-eleva-idade-para-aposentadorias-922827364.asp#coment>

I don't want to work till I'm 70. How much bigger will my pension have to be?

The state retirement age will have to rise so that the state can pay off its debts. How could pension savers make up the difference?

We are going to have to work until the age of 70, at least five years beyond the current retirement age, if the Government is to stand any hope of bringing public debt under control over the next decade, a report from the National Institute of Economic & Social Research has claimed.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/finance/personalfinance/pensions/5285538/I-dont-want-to-work-till-im-70.-How-much-bigger-will-my-pension-have-to-be.html>

Buenas y malas noticias sobre la duración de la vida

La gente vive más y tiene menos hijos, mientras los sistemas de jubilación están en crisis en casi todo el mundo. Se impone prolongar la vida activa.

http://www.clarin.com/opinion/Buenas-malas-noticias-duracion-vida_0_364763581.html

Top Performer Funds

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Launched in 1996, this fund objective is to provide capital appreciation, through a portfolio consisting of equities listed on the Jakarta Stock Exchange. Risk rating 5 giving this aggressive fund an opportunity to balance the risk of high volatility with the potential for high capital growth.

12 MONTHS | +64.45%

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Launched in 2007, this fund objective is to generate a total return in the long-term through the investment in agricultural commodity related instruments globally. Risk rating 5.

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Dear Client,

Welcome to this quarter's Financial Informer. This is the last Informer of 2010, which has been a great year for many investments following continued recovery in world stock markets. This informer looks at an area that is vitally important to all of us – how will you fund your retirement?

Word from GII • The Cost of Increasing Longevity

In recent decades life expectancy has increased sharply. Due to continued improvements in nutrition and medical science we are all expecting to live much longer than our parents and grandparents generation. In 1982 average life expectancy for a 65 year old male in the UK was a further 13 years – by 2040 it is expected to be a further 22 years – therefore living to age 87. (source bbc.co.uk)

However, rising life expectancy does not automatically translate into longer working lives. This means that for most of us, after education and college, we will spend up to half of our adult life in retirement – have you thought about how you will fund a 'holiday' that lasts half your life time? After all, if you live until age 95, you don't want to run out of money when you are 75!

Like everything in life, the earlier you make plans to address the problems that may arise, the easier it is to provide a solution. If you haven't already done so, the best time to start thinking about your financial future is today.

John W. Fleming
Director

Don't Rely on Your Company Pension!

Many people still think that their employer will provide adequate pension benefits for a comfortable retirement. Whilst this has certainly been the case for the post war generation, it is not a reality for most of us working today. Employers are struggling to afford their traditional pension arrangements. Recent years have seen a number of large organisations around the world cancelling final salary schemes for existing members - others will surely follow suit.

Governments are also realising that they will not be able to provide future state pension benefits without substantial reforms to the current systems. A growing older population means a much higher liability for governments in future years. This 'Pensions Gap' is leading countries to raise their state retirement ages. This has of course happened most recently in France despite huge protests.

So if employers and governments are not going to fund your retirement, who else is? The stark reality is that if you don't address your own pension provision, there will be little financial help to fall back on when you need to stop work.

Neil Willis
Consultant

Midlife career change

Another fact of modern working life is that most of us will no longer have a 'job for life'. Most professionals will change employers several times during their careers as new opportunities and challenges become available. By starting your own retirement planning you can ensure continuity no matter what path your career takes.

It is also a fact of modern life that many people are realising too late that they have not made enough financial provision to secure their own futures. This is why there is an older population now working in new careers when their main job has ended – unfortunately in many cases they are working through necessity rather than choice.

At Global Index International we help our clients make plans for their own retirement. Together, we can help you create a unique financial plan that exactly matches your own family goals and future plans. We can help you build a financially secure future. Please contact us to arrange a no obligation meeting to discuss this.

Luciana Telles
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Globalization brings an end to the culture of the family support network

Many Latin Americans have moved abroad in search of better opportunities – thus living and working away from their homes and families, resulting in increased financial pressure.

Latin America and the Caribbean is the region with the largest population of qualified professionals living in OECD countries – a phenomenon that has risen dramatically in the past 20 years^[1].

- There are 15.6 million Latin Americans currently residing in OECD countries.
- 13.5 million (86 percent) of which live in the United States.
- The total number of qualified Latin Americans living in OECD countries has risen from 1.92 million (1990) to 4.9 million (2007) – a rise of 155%.

VITAL FACTS TO CONSIDER:

- Without the traditional support network often provided by one's family when living in the same country, expatriate couples are unable to rely on family assistance – whether it be direct financing or help looking after the kids.
- Therefore, it must be a priority to adjust accordingly and prepare for the diminished support that one may have been able to rely on in the past.

[1] According to a study carried out by The Economic System of Latin America in Caracas.

James Maxwell
Consultant



The **Royal British Legion**, founded in the UK in 1921, provides financial, social and emotional support to the millions who have served – and are currently

serving – in the British armed forces. The Legion also looks after their dependants when times are hard.

With few younger veterans arriving in Rio, inevitably our ex-service community has dwindled in recent years. However, nearly ninety years after becoming established in Rio, our branch is still active, looking after ex-service personnel and their families whenever the need arises. We are proud that one of the highlights of the British community's calendar – the annual Poppy Gala Ball – raises funds for this cause.

Please take the time to look at the following links and websites. If you require further information please contact us.

<http://www.bcsrio.org.br/bcsrio/dynamic.asp?id=10050511>
<http://www.britisblegion.org.uk/>



Earlier this year Global Index International hosted an awareness event in aid of our adopted

charity **Fight for Peace**.

The evening was a huge success with many Forbes 500 companies in attendance and some high profile celebrities from television, music and art.

Please take the time to look at the following video links and websites. If you require further information please contact us.

See pictures of the event at <http://www.globalindexinternational.com/english/ffp.php>
<http://vimeo.com/channels/fightforpeacefilms>
<http://www.fightforpeace.net/>

This Issue Cartoons

