

Nick Fitzpatrick joins BESTrustees team

Nick Fitzpatrick, former Head of Global Investment Consulting at Hewitt's is the latest high profile recruit to join the BESTrustees team.

Nick joined Bacon & Woodrow, which became part of Hewitt's in 2001, in 1986. During that time, he was involved in developing the investment consulting business internationally, as well as working with many major pension schemes. Before becoming a consultant, Nick spent 10 years as the in-house investment manager for the British Rail Pension Fund, having previously worked for Abbey Life and Friends Provident.

Outside work, Nick has co-chaired a UN committee which aimed to develop and promote a set of global principles for responsible investment. He is also a governor and chair of the investment committee at Bristol Grammar School and a trustee and treasurer of the Brigitte Trust, a charity that provides support to carers.

BESTrustees' Chief Executive, Clive Gilchrist commented: "The rate at which we are signing up new people reflects the huge increase in demand for independent trustees. That we are able to recruit people of such quality, experience and commitment as Nick sends out a very positive message about the UK pensions industry."

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BESTrustees plc is one of the UK's leading independent pension trustee companies. As an organisation, BESTrustees provides independent trustee services to nearly 100 pension funds with over half a million members. Several of its directors and associates also have personal appointments to the boards of other major pension schemes, including those in the coal and rail industries.

BESTrustees combines the talents of experienced individuals who are recognised leaders in the pensions arena with the security of a strong, well-established corporate trustee, to offer a superior quality service.

All its independent trustees have many years of pensions experience covering all aspects of trusteeship, investment, scheme administration, actuarial, accountancy and management issues.

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