

Watson Wyatt senior consultant Pickering to go independent

APPOINTMENTS

By Kelly Gregor

Watson Wyatt senior consultant Alan Pickering is leaving the firm after 16 years to become an independent trustee.

Pickering will join BESTrustees in January to replace chairman Charles Woodward and will also work towards taking on a number of trusteeships on behalf of the company.

Pickering said: "I have been advising trustees most of my career so it's exciting to become

one. This is a dream come true for me.

"I have enjoyed my 16 years with Watson Wyatt. Back in 1992, giving me a job was a bold move on the firm's part since I was by no means a chip off their old block. It gave me opportunities beyond my wildest dreams."

BESTrustees managing director Clive Gilchrist said: "I am delighted Alan is joining us as chairman. His wisdom and down-to-earth style will be an

asset at our board meetings, and our clients will benefit from his decades of pensions experience. He will be an invaluable addition to our trusteeship team."

Watson Wyatt head of European Benefits Group Mark Stewart said: "Alan has made an invaluable contribution to Watson Wyatt and to the wide world of pensions."



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