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# Fiduciary management

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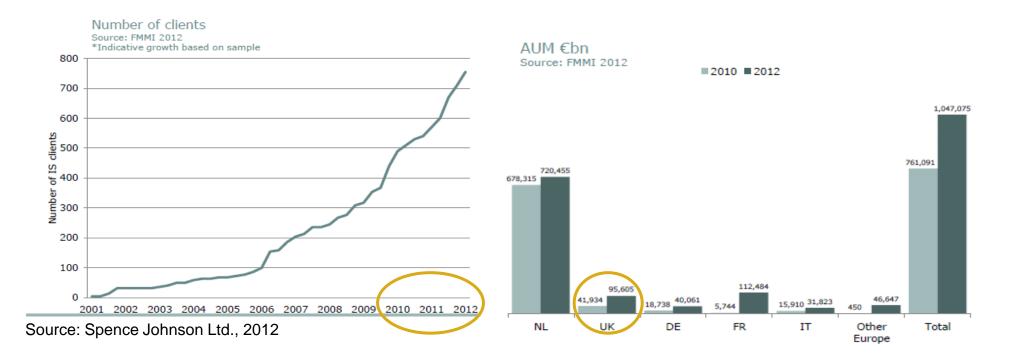
# Agenda

Introduction to fiduciary management Suitability for pension schemes Issues to consider

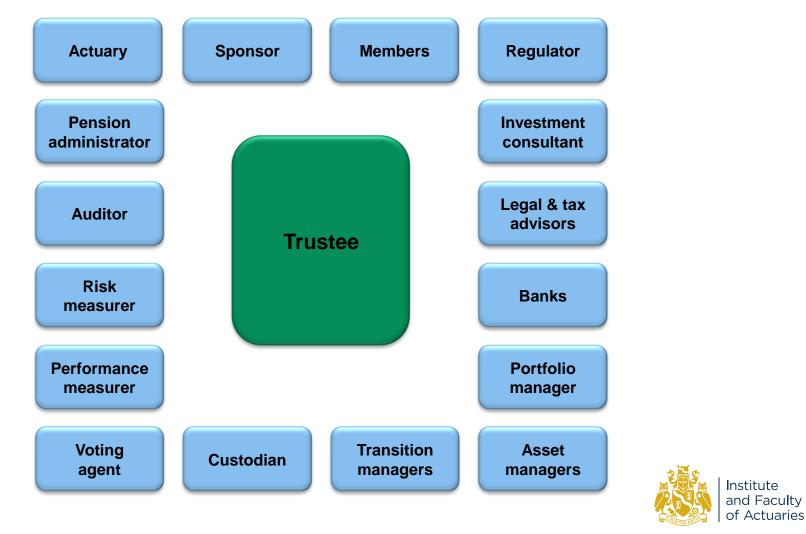


## **Growth of fiduciary management**

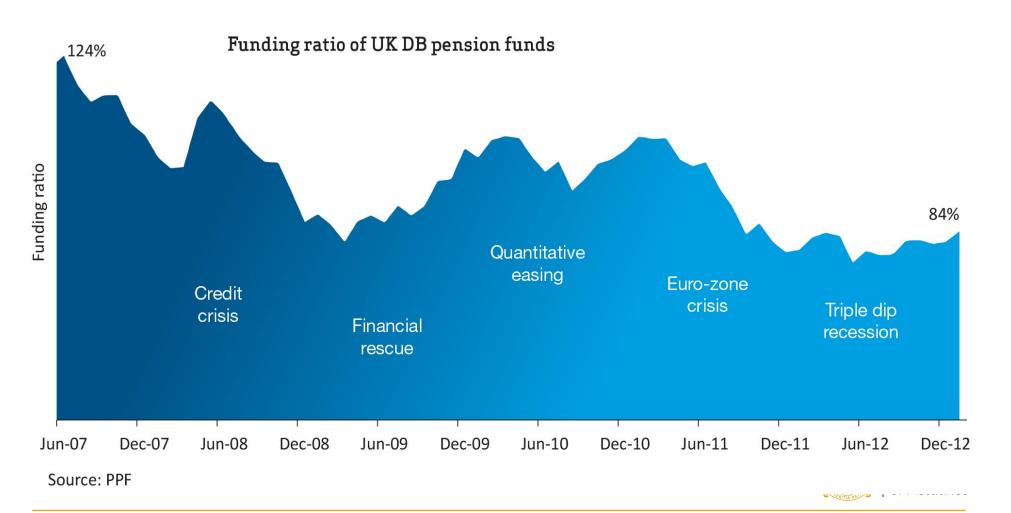
- There is a clear trend of adoption of fiduciary management among European pension funds
  - Dutch pension funds led the way
  - Since 2009, adoption has spread to rest of Europe and especially the UK



#### A governance challenge



#### The funding context

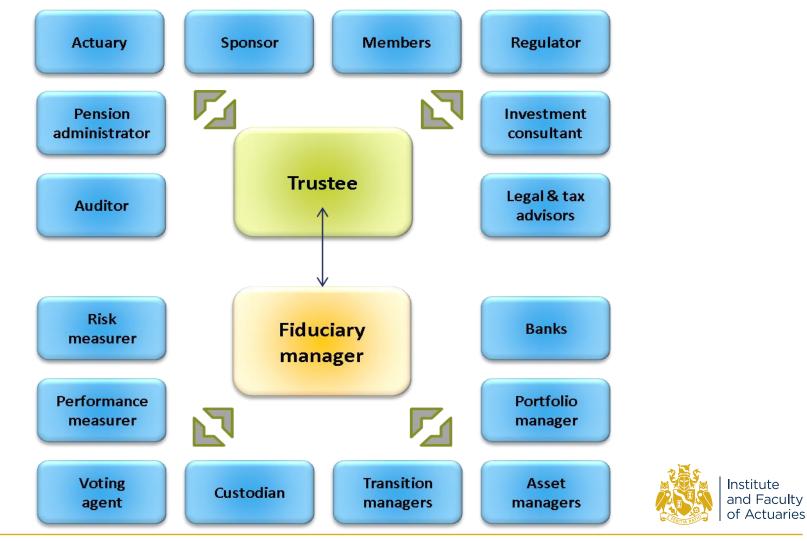


## Why delegate?

- More sophisticated strategy
- Spend the 'governance budget' more wisely
- Expertise / experience / independent thinking
- Cost



## Addressing the governance challenge



### **Trustee responsibilities**

- In the interests of beneficiaries
- Trust deed and rules
- Impartially
- Prudently, responsibly and honestly



#### **Statutory overlay**

- Criteria for who trustees may delegate to
- Appropriate procedures to review
  - performance
  - fees and charges



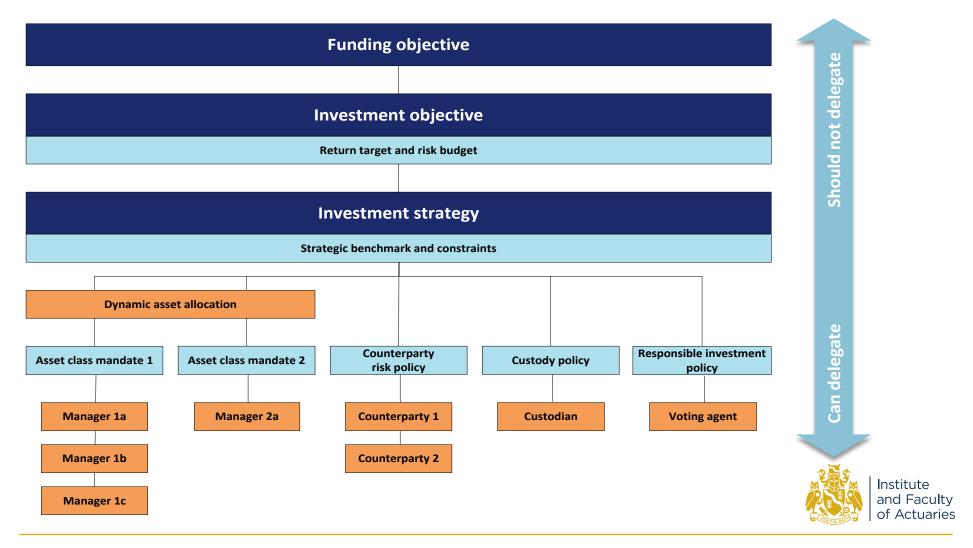
# What does the fiduciary manager do?

#### Advise

- Holistic: All assets vs. all liabilities
- Pro-active: Take responsibility for the investment strategy, though the trustee remains accountable for the strategy
- Execute
- Report



## **Degree of delegation**

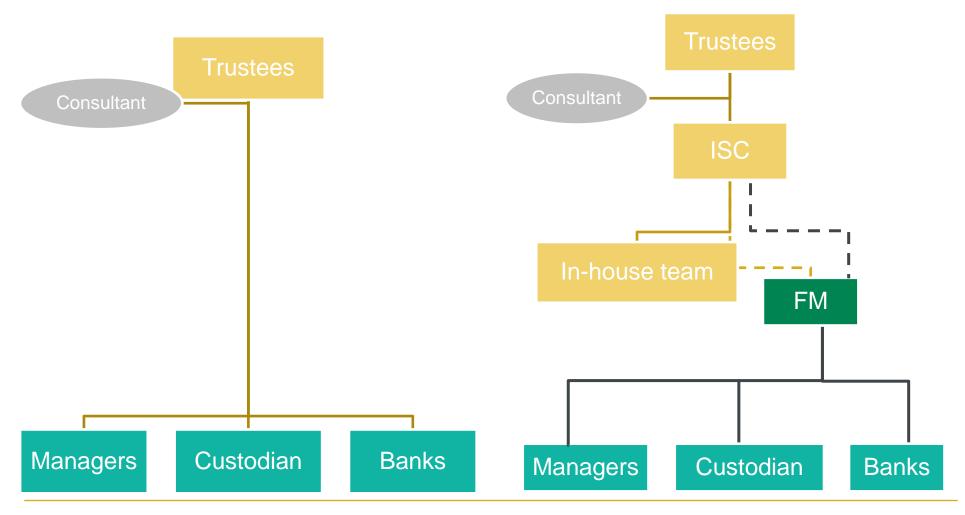


#### **Routes to delegation**



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#### Contemporary



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Full-time role Depth of expertise Economies of scale

Who will watch the watcher? How bespoke? Conflicts?

## Summary

- Fiduciary management
  - Holistic solution
- Suitability
  - Trustee responsibilities / statutory requirements
  - Think carefully about what and how to delegate
  - Tailored to the scheme
- Issues
  - Obtain independent advice
  - Due diligence
  - Conflicts
  - Monitor and challenge





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# **Case study**



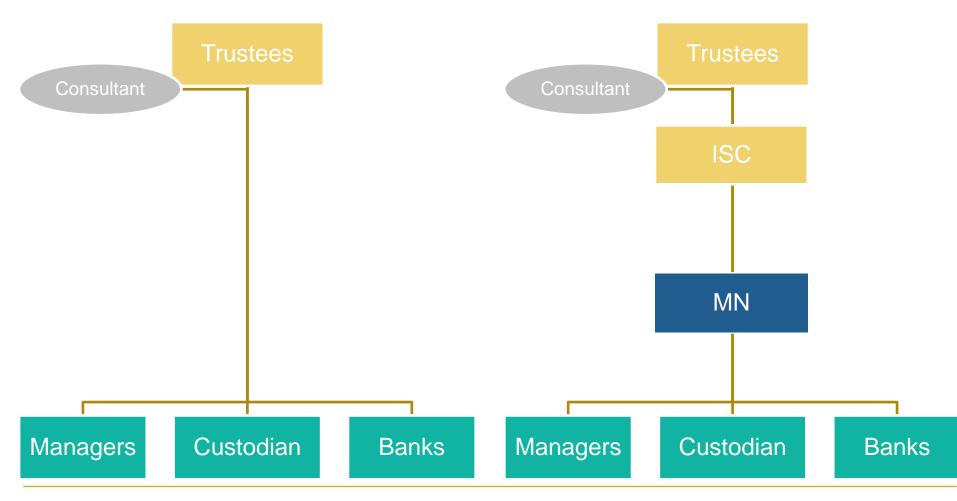
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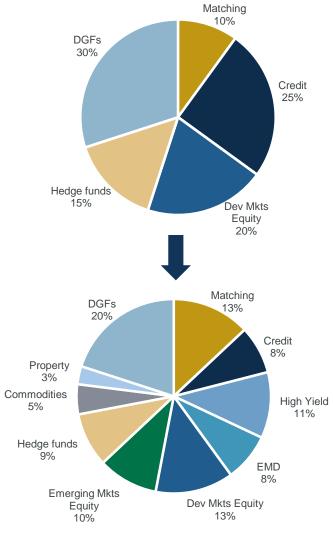
# Strengthening the scheme's governanceOld modelNew model

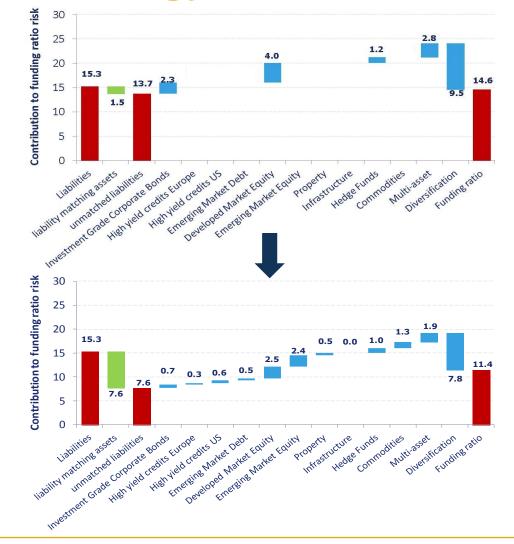


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#### **Enhanced investment strategy**





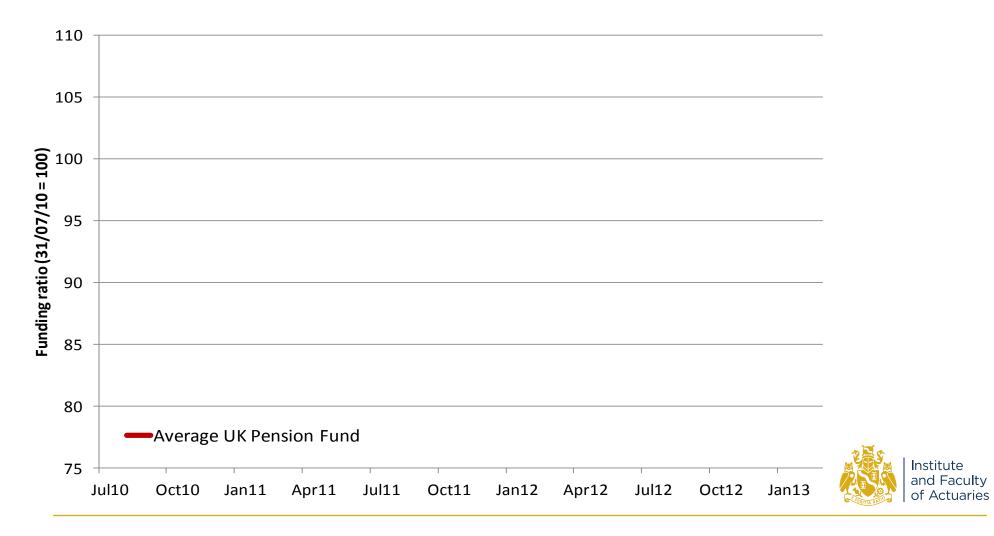
#### **Outcomes**

- Trustees spend more time on the big picture
- Trustees spend less time on implementation and meeting managers
- Sponsor more engaged
- Unique combination of advisory and delegated implementation
- More sophisticated strategy with better risk/return:
  - Diversification more managers, return drivers, regions
  - Dynamic asset allocation
  - Interest rate and currency risks hedged
- Continuous portfolio management of the scheme's overall balance sheet
- Continuous risk management
- Informative, forward-looking reporting that puts trustees in control

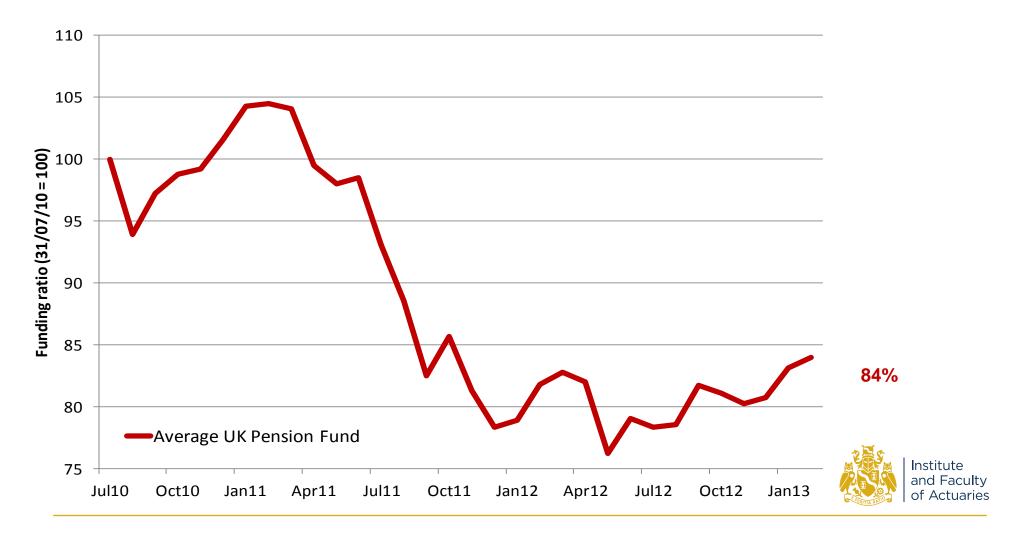


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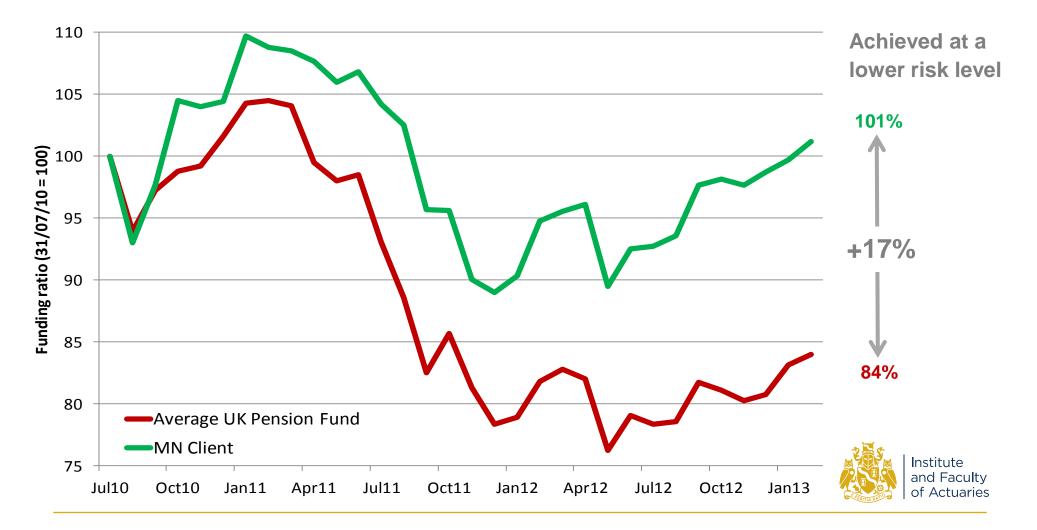
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#### **Strategic partnership**



Get delegation right, and it enhances the trustees' control





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