



## Australian superannuation leaders set out to unlock opportunities in the United States for members back home

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A delegation of Australian superannuation leaders and institutional investors will meet with government and economic leaders in the United States to unlock investment opportunities with the potential to grow the retirement savings of Australian workers.

Australia has one of the fastest growing superannuation sectors in the world, managing A\$4.5 trillion (US\$3 trillion) in funds which is set to grow to A\$8.3 trillion (US\$5.4 trillion) in the early 2030s according to modelling by the Super Members Council, likely making it the second largest pension system in the world after the US.

By seeking out global investment opportunities, Australian super funds are building diverse and resilient portfolios that help deliver long-term retirement outcomes for working Australians. The 2026 Australian Superannuation Investment Summit will cover San Francisco, Washington DC and New York, giving superannuation leaders the opportunity to engage directly with global business, finance and technology leaders to identify long-term growth opportunities for members.

The agenda will also include sessions to support a deeper understanding of how AI and other critical technologies are being embedded across enterprises and ensure investment portfolios are resilient to technological and geopolitical disruption.

As the largest economy in the world, the US is a well-established investment destination for Australian funds as they invest to grow the nest eggs of millions of working people.

The Summit will give Superannuation funds a forum to advocate for opportunities and policy settings that unlock high quality investment opportunities in the US, with returns flowing back into superannuation accounts and the Australian economy.

To help achieve that, IFM Investors has released a landmark policy blueprint ahead of the summit that outlines practical steps to unlock billions of dollars of long-term superannuation capital for US infrastructure investment, including asset recycling, which can potentially both free up public resources to invest in new infrastructure priorities and enhance the resilience and productivity of US infrastructure assets.

The Summit builds on engagement with governments globally, including in the UK and European Union where, according to IFM Investors and Super Members Council data, pension fund investment is expected to grow by approximately 10 per cent each year to 2035.

The Superannuation Investment Summit will run March 9-13.

**Notes to editors – key facts and figures from Super Members Council:**

- Australia's superannuation system is the fastest growing of its kind anywhere in the world, with A\$4.5 trillion (US\$3 trillion) in funds under management and nearly A\$4.5 billion (US\$3 billion) flowing into the system every week.
- Australian pension capital has already invested A\$45 billion (US\$29 billion) in US infrastructure assets. Recent market research published by IFM Investors found that most global institutional investors, including pension funds, plan to increase their exposure to infrastructure equity in coming years, with total investment by these funds in US infrastructure projected to increase to A\$96 billion (US\$67 billion) by 2035.