

European Pensions AWARDS 2018



Currency Manager of the Year Mesirow Financial Currency Management



The Currency Manager of the Year award celebrates the growing role played by currency managers over recent years, recognising their increasingly diverse offerings for pension funds and highlighting the currency managers who have been able to demonstrate an increasingly capability and expertise in the sector.

The way pension funds view currency is changing, meaning being able to keep abreast of market developments while achieving optimal currency risk solutions for your pension fund is becoming ever more important, for this innovation is key.

Congratulations to this year's winner, Mesirow Financial Currency Management.

The firm displayed a continuous drive to innovate while keeping up with changing market demands.

The independent currency manager entered the European pensions market with the objective of partnering with pension fund clients in order to implement best practice currency risk programmes tailored to their unique needs.

The client-centric approach which has been taken by Mesirow has enabled them

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to develop solutions-based currency risk management programmes delivered alongside strategic advice across a number of different market environments. This contributed to a 12 per cent increase in assets under management in 2017.

An example of its ability to provide investment solutions at a low cost can be seen in its passive plus strategy, allowing flexibility for clients around static hedged ratios.

Furthermore, its fiduciary FX solution is designed to help investors reduce their transaction costs by using an agency approach, coupled with a fiduciary oversight to benefit from low costs while still being able to protect investors.

The firm has clearly demonstrated itself as a leading currency specialist, through the deliverance of its best-in-class service on its core strategies, passive and active risk management. Having been in the market for over 20 years, Mesirow has been able to establish long-term partnerships with pension funds.

Well done again to all at Mesirow Financial Currency Management for its excellent work and achievements.



The Currency Manager of the Year award went to Mesirow Financial Currency Management. Receiving the award was Joseph Hoffman, Mesirow Financial Currency Management. Francesca Fabrizi, European Pensions (right) and host Alun Cochrane (left) presented the award.