## Twenty years of **Accounting for Pensions**

£100bn

- Majority of schemes in surplus
- Funding levels vary between 88% - 183%

- Tony Blair becomes PM
- Gordon Brown abolishes tax credits on UK dividends for pension funds

Pension Protection The Pensions Regulator

Pensions Act 2004 creates new regulatory bodies



FRS17

New accounting standard introduced = significant volatility in disclosed pension costs



Gordon Brown becomes PM



New legislation constrains corporate activity and dividend distribution

£12bn



Change from RPI to CPI as pension indexation measure



**David Cameron** becomes PM, forming a coalition government

- Buy out market emerging slowly
- Pensions Act 2008 introduces a requirement for auto-enrolment

 RPI v. CPI v. RPIJ Solvency II

Contingent assets

(£41bn)



Autoenrolment begins

2000s 1990s 2010s 7 100 2010 2011 2012 2013 (£19bn)

SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT)

event/change

Government and regulatory

Corporate development

(£100bn)

Pensions disclosures remain inadequate

20%

Dividend income reductions resulting in extra pensions costs and an impact on profits and cash flow

57%

57% of FTSE 100 schemes invested in equities. Strong expectations for ongoing high returns

(H965)

42% investment in equities falls

from 45%

(£51bn)

Pension schemes reduce equity holdings to their lowest level since the survey began in 1994

(£43bn)

Collapse of Lehman Brothers - mass volatility in returns throughout the year. Equity markets suffer major falls and 'high quality' corporate bond yields peak at just under 8% pa.

Interest rates continue to fall, making pensions expensive for schemes moving into bonds



These figures indicate the number of FTSE 100 companies with a final salary pension scheme open to new employees.