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The 2015 Investment Trends was the first in this series. An excellent line-up of speakers gathered to discuss the Perils of Forecasting and Infrastructure Investing. Craig Bodenstab, Orbis Investment Management gave a very interesting talk about forecasting records of various analysts and economists over the years. It truly can be perilous to forecast! Following Craig, a panel of experts gathered to talk about investments in infrastructure. The panel was moderated by Milville Tremblay, Bank of Canada. Joining him were Carl Bang, Sun Life Investments, Kevin Fahey, CAAT Pension Plan and George Zakim, Northleaf Capital Partners. The panel took questions from the audience and discussed a wide range of issues surrounding such investments.

The 2015 Pension Summit, “Discussions Today to Prepare for Tomorrow” was the second installment focusing on the government’s proposed Ontario Retirement Pension Plan. The Honourable Associate Minister of Finance Mitzie Hunter, responsible for the ORPP, opened the session, followed by a panel discussion moderated by Randy Bauslaugh of McCarthy Tétrault. The 2015 Pension Summit offered excellent speakers from a variety of backgrounds, providing the prospective of the stakeholders who will be impacted by the Ontario Retirement Pension Plan, including a plan sponsor, a service provider who can share the experience of Quebec's introduction of the VRSP, and pension and actuarial consultants. It was an excellent session!

The 2015 Benefits Outlook “Managing Chronic Disease” was the final installment in the Signature Series. This session looked at drug plan and health plan expenditure by age band and the resulting challenges for employers in managing related benefit plan and disability costs. The present health care system doesn't respond well to these challenges. Chronic disease is on the rise, impacting many people in your organization. Peter Gove, Green Shield Canada and Tim Clarke, Aon Hewitt opened the session with their perspective as innovators in Health Management. A panel of plan sponsors followed talking about

solutions they are employing and how programs can be implemented to influence behaviour.

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