

AROUND THE world

Coverage of the 2006 Global Investment Conference.

It was our very first post-FPR Global Investment Conference—and it was a big success, showcasing new ideas, solutions and opportunities for international diversification. As leading delegates from the Canadian pension industry gathered to share thoughts and ideas, the stage was set to help plan sponsors step beyond the old 30% constraint and into a new, more global context.

We travelled west for this year's conference, spending two days in the mountains at the Fairmont Banff Springs resort. While the Rockies provided a stunning backdrop for the meeting, sights were set on the world beyond Canada's borders. This year, emerging market investing came into its own, with several presentations exploring

new and developing markets around the globe. The emerging economies in the developing world are leading to new challenges and opportunities for plan sponsors.

Delegates also took lots of notes on fixed income as speakers presented some new ideas on this vital global area. Governance and risk management were also on this year's agenda—and given today's shifting global economies, these topics are crucial to investment success.

Throughout this year's conference coverage, we've worked to bring you the freshest and best ideas, as discussed at Banff. And as Canadian plan sponsors set out on the long path to an even bigger set of investment opportunities internationally, we hope these ideas help them on their way.

—Caroline Cakebread

