



**Dawn Turner, CEO**  
**Brunel Pension Partnership Ltd**

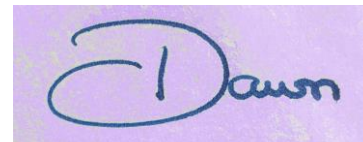
### **A Brunel landmark**

We marked the company's first birthday in July 2018 with representatives from each of our Client funds. It was an opportunity to recognise the victories and challenges of the previous 12 months. On the same day we celebrated beginning our relationship with Legal & General Investment Management Ltd as we transitioned the initial funds to our passive equity fund manager.



As autumn creeps towards winter, we've had our first anniversary of moving into 101 Victoria Street. I can hardly believe that just over a year ago, we were still hopping between Osborne Clarke and PwC while our offices were being brought to life!

The business has gone from strength to strength ever since. We're still learning every day but are making clear progress. I hope you'll read on to find out more.



We now have £9 billion's worth of assets under management, comprising almost a third of the pool's total assets. This is one of the major triumphs of our first nine months in delivery mode!

### **Our investments**

At this busy and exciting time for the business, we have lots of announcements on the brink of being aired! Make sure you've signed up for email news alerts at [www.brunelpensionpartnership.org](http://www.brunelpensionpartnership.org).

We have selected our first Secured Income portfolio investments, making commitments to the M&G Secured Property Income Fund and the Aberdeen Standard Long Lease Property Fund.

We've also selected managers for UK and Low Volatility equities and will soon be sharing the details of these.

## Our operations

We have appointed Hermes Equity Ownership Services (EOS) to assist with voting and engagement, enabling us to deliver on our stewardship goals. FundRock Management Company is providing our Authorised Contractual Scheme (ACS) platform, which we're delighted to say is FCA authorised.

In October we delivered our first quarterly performance reports to Brunel's Clients, in line with our Service Level Agreement of 22 business days from the quarter end. This marks another key milestone in the evolution of Brunel!

As you may have spotted, our website, [www.brunelpensionpartnership.org](http://www.brunelpensionpartnership.org), is increasingly serving as a means for us to share information with the public, along with our LinkedIn channel ([Brunel LinkedIn](#)) and twitter feed ([@BrunelPP](#)). These all offer additional ways for you to find out what we're up to beyond your regular updates.

On our [Policy Advocacy page](#) you're able to view our published responses to the [DWP Trustee Duties Consultation](#), [FRC Kingman Review](#) and [Corporate Governance Code Consultation Response](#).



You can also download our [Responsible Investment policy](#) and our [Stewardship policy](#). Our Autumn Report to MHCLG will be published on our website shortly.

## Our people

As we shift beyond the start-up phase of Brunel, we've welcomed additional staff to our office and currently aim to have a structure of 39 employees plus our Chair and Non-Executive directors. Our team comprises a wide range of talented individuals, bringing together LGPS and

wider investment world experience, as well as strong skills from other industries.

Brunel's staff continue to be a presence at affiliation events across the UK and beyond, particularly in the area of responsible investment.

These opportunities provide us with the chance to share insights into Brunel's principles, purpose, people and progress with a broad audience. We ensure our engagements compliment and support our business activities and enhance our ability to achieve your investment goals.

Brunel has forged links with local comprehensive school Ashton Park. This month, CEO Dawn led a Year 6 seminar to offer an insight into the breadth of roles and possible routes to working in the investment industry, taking a long-term step towards building local talent.

In September and October, we held a Great British Bake Off sweepstake, culminating in an office bake off. We are happy to report that these raised more than £100 for our nominated 2018 charity, Above and Beyond. Added to our previous total, that's enough to buy an iPad for the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit!

## A year of awards for Brunel

It's been a busy year for Brunel, but along the way we've managed to scoop up a few industry awards.

In October, our CIO Mark Mansley was recipient of the Funds Europe award for CIO of the Year 2018 in the category of Institutional Manager.



In September, Chair Denise Le Gal won Outstanding Contribution of the Year at the LAPF Investment awards.



In June Chair Denise Le Gal was named Pension Personality of the Year at Institutional Investor's Peer-to-Peer Awards, which draws nominations directly from industry peers.

At the same ceremony, Chief Responsible Investment Officer (CRIO) Faith Ward received the award for Best ESG Programme on behalf of our Responsible Investment team and Brunel as a whole.



In May, CEO Dawn Turner received the prestigious Industry Champion award at the 19th annual Pension & Investment Provider Awards.

In March, CRIO Faith Ward was named as the person who made the most positive industry contribution to SRI/Corporate Governance in the 2017 IRRI ranking.

## Our future

We're keen to stay abreast of what you're up to and are happy to attend pension committee meetings as part of this.

As we head towards the year end, we're working hard to ensure we continue to deliver. In January we will host our second AGM, looking back over the past 12 months and anticipating the landmarks and challenges to come.

Highlights among these reflect our commitments to March 2019, including launching our search and evaluation process for Emerging Markets, Developed High Alpha, LDI and Passive Gilts.

Our Service Level Agreement requires Brunel to provide a Business Plan for 2019.

To produce this document, we have been working in collaboration with the Client Group's Financial Services Sub Group and Investment Sub Group, as well as the Brunel Oversight Board. We're pleased to say that the Brunel Oversight Board supported our new business plan and updated transition proposals.

The matter now goes forward as a Special Reserve Matter to be agreed by shareholders. The Business Plan contained some good news for the pool in terms of greater savings than in the original business case, including an additional £75 million from even greater fee reductions than expected from our first portfolio launches. It also set out the budget for the next three years to allow Brunel to continue to deliver excellent results and successfully transition the remaining assets.

**Finally**, as evenings draw in and temperatures drop, we wish you a warm, safe autumn and winter, and look forward to a positive start to 2019!

