

### The Retirement Income Industry Association Announces Prestigious Sponsors of its 2011 Spring Conference

**~Former Harvard Pilgrim CEO and Mass. Gubernatorial Candidate Charlie Baker Is  
Luncheon Keynote Speaker~**

Boston, MA (February 17, 2011) As the Retirement Income Industry Association (RIIA) celebrates a milestone 5 year anniversary, its 2011 Spring Conference will focus on "The Future of Retirement Income Solutions & Delivery", announced Francois Gadenne, Chairman and Executive Director of RIIA.

The [RIIA 2011 Spring Conference](#) will be held from March 21 – March 22, 2011, at the Ibbotson Morningstar Offices, 22 West Washington St in Chicago, IL. This event attracts the industry's most respected and influential leaders from across the retirement income industry – executives, scholars, researchers, technology experts, product innovators, and financial planners and practitioners. "With limited seating and intense interest in the future of retirement income, the 2010 conference was sold out. We expect the same for 2011 so I recommend that those who want to attend register as soon as possible," he said. [Online registration is simple.](#)

Attendees can expect a day and a half packed with the industry's leading thinkers, executives, innovators and visionaries who share their views on these key questions:

- Are Americans really ready to retire? How can they save enough for retirement?
- What will be the role of social media to serve retirees and the industry?
- How can retirees better plan for the skyrocketing costs of healthcare?
- Who is hiring older workers and in what capacity?
- What's the future of the rollover?
- What are the state-of-the-art product, processes and solutions in retirement income management today and tomorrow?

A number of prestigious Platinum, Gold and Silver Sponsors have pledged their support to the RIIA Spring Conference and will bring in experts to participate in keynote addresses and interactive panels. These sponsors include:

**Platinum Sponsor: Ibbotson Morningstar**

**Gold Sponsors: Allianz Global Investors, Dimensional SmartNest, Guided Choice, Putnam Investments**

**Silver Sponsors: Barclays Capital, Boston University's Center for Professional Education, DST Systems**

"It's truly an honor to welcome these influential, prominent organizations as sponsors of our Spring Conference," continues Gadenne. "They are incredible supporters of our mission to bring the retirement income industry together with a "View Across Silos" to develop the products, processes and advisory services Americans need to create a secure retirement."

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In addition, Charlie Baker, former CEO of Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare and Massachusetts gubernatorial candidate in 2010, will be a keynote speaker presenting his views on healthcare and retirement income planning.

Additional [sponsorship opportunities](#) are still available by contacting Deborah Burkholder, [Deborah@riia-usa.org](mailto:Deborah@riia-usa.org).

### **New for 2011: Retirement Management Journal and Thought Leadership Award for Practitioners**

The inaugural issue of the new [Retirement Management Journal<sup>SM</sup>](#) (RMJ<sup>SM</sup>) and the first Thought Leadership Award for Practitioners will be featured at the 2011 Spring Conference. Sponsored by Allianz Global Investors, the RMJ<sup>SM</sup> and Thought Leadership Awards were designed to promote research, scholarship and innovative thinking on retirement management topics that contribute to the industry's body of knowledge as well as RIIA's [Retirement Management Analyst<sup>SM</sup>](#) (RMA<sup>SM</sup>) designation's curriculum.

### **About the Retirement Income Industry Association ([www.riia-usa.org](http://www.riia-usa.org))**

Founded in 2006 by leading companies, advisors and academics, RIIA and its members address the challenges facing the dramatically changing retirement income landscape. RIIA's mission as a national not-for-profit organization is to bring the retirement income industry together with a "View Across Silos" to develop the products, processes and advisory services Americans need to create a secure retirement. Because RIIA members span the entire industry, they create a forum for sharing the freshest outlooks, the most modern thinking, the latest research and the newest product development within the realm of retirement income. This unique view provides investors and advisors with unbiased perspectives on key retirement income issues.

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