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Launch event of The Pension Chapter.

Left to right: Eleanor Daplyn (Sackers); Nathalie Sims (LCP); Nora Stolz (The Female Forum); standing: Charley Smith, CFA (Janus Henderson Investors); Georgina Stewart (Sackers); Rhonda Moon (Trustee Executive Ltd)

In June this year The Female Forum launched its first industry-specific initiative: ‘The Pension Chapter’. The Pension Chapter is part of The Female Forum – a global network that helps to connect professional women across industries through its members-only platform.

We saw an opportunity to create a structured and collaborative industry initiative to connect some of the most influential women in the UK pension industry in person. We believe that bringing together diverse minds in one industry helps to foster trust, innovation, and collaboration.

“The event was an opportunity to connect with inspiring women and to gain insight into key pensions issues with thought-provoking discussions in a supportive environment” – Rachel Hallett, scheme secretary, BBC Pension Scheme

Through our quarterly in-person thematic industry roundtables – designed by and for leading women in the UK pension industry – we create an intimate forum that helps to spark

The Female Forum’s pension chapter

➤ **Nora Stolz explains what impact the Female Forum’s recent industry network, The Pension Chapter, has, with its aim to foster strategic connections and industry collaboration within the UK pensions industry**

interesting conversations, generate meaningful insights, and strengthen the networks of diversity leaders with the industry.

The pension industry – like many other industries – is going through dramatic and rapid change, from the rise of artificial intelligence, change of regulations and reporting, to shifting lifestyle and longevity trends, as well as tackling issues around diversity, equity, and inclusion to make the industry more representative. Being able to work together in a collaborative way is key for the industry to emerge stronger and more sustainable. We wanted to create a forum for that.

Together with our partners LCP, Janus Henderson Investors and Sackers, we are thrilled that we were able to bring such an impactful initiative to life that resonates with so many. Our top priority remains to create a positive experience for senior leaders in the industry; and we look forward to welcoming additional corporate partners to join and to back this collaborative industry initiative.

We are proud these pioneering leaders decided to support us in our vision of creating a professional world everyone can believe in and thrive, and we very much look forward to seeing the initiative develop over the coming months.

The first The Pension Chapter breakfast roundtable took place in June

2023 and was themed ‘good governance and the importance of diversity of thoughts’, facilitated by LCP partner, Zoë Burdo, and hosted in the offices of LCP. It showed how much this high-quality, thematic, and intimate industry-specific roundtable format resonates with leaders in the UK pension industry.

“What makes The Pension Chapter stand out is that it creates such an inspiring and intimate forum that encourages industry collaboration and idea sharing amongst industry leaders” – Rhonda Moon, COO of the National Grid Pension Scheme, and the lead of The Female Forum’s The Pension Chapter

In October, Janus Henderson Investors will host the next The Pension Chapter breakfast themed ‘Artificial intelligence – and the implications and applications for the UK pension industry’, facilitated by Janus Henderson global tech portfolio manager, Alison Porter.

To join as corporate partner, please get in touch on info@thefemaleforum.com subject line ‘The Pension Chapter’. Individuals are invited to apply to join The Female Forum <https://www.thefemaleforum.com/pensionchapter>.

➤ **Written by The Female Forum founder and CEO, Nora Stolz**