Below is a guide for PR and marketing professionals about planned editorial in *Funds Europe* print and online for September-December 2018, plus contact details. Features may change. We regret that no more information can currently be given than what appears here.

---

**Magazine**

**September 2018**

**Fixed income**

*Funds Europe* looks at how bond managers are positioning themselves as the era of QE comes to an end and asks which assets are appropriate for risk and which for stability of income.

*Fiona Rintoul* ([fiona.rintoul@funds-europe.com](mailto:fiona.rintoul@funds-europe.com))

**Transfer agency**

The transfer agency market is the market within asset management and asset servicing that seems most likely to be disrupted first. *Funds Europe* investigates.

*Nicholas Pratt* ([nicholaspratt@eircom.net](mailto:nicholaspratt@eircom.net))

**ETF review: Emerging markets**

Our regular look at the ETF market considers how investors have been reacting to emerging markets and we study net flows to equity, local currency and hard currency products.

*Nicholas Pratt* ([nicholaspratt@eircom.net](mailto:nicholaspratt@eircom.net))

---

**October 2018**

**Private equity**

The private equity world has produced some huge numbers for capital-raising over 2017 and 2018, reflecting how this asset class has become increasingly attractive to investors in search of yield. *Funds Europe* looks at some of the biggest deals, which fund domiciles and vehicles are the most popular, and asks if momentum is likely to continue.

*Mark Latham* ([mark.latham@funds-europe.com](mailto:mark.latham@funds-europe.com))
Distribution: Are 8% returns achievable?

Earlier this year, Natixis Investment Managers found that 80% of fund buyers it surveyed expected to be able to achieve on average an 8.4% return as long as volatility could be managed. *Funds Europe* takes an in-depth look at how these return targets could be achieved – and if they are realistic.

Fiona Rintoul ([fiona.rintoul@funds-europe.com](mailto:fiona.rintoul@funds-europe.com))

Custody report, survey & directory

Our annual custody report comes at a time when financial institutions have said they find it difficult to assess the safety of assets held for them by custodian banks. *Funds Europe* examines the situation and considers what custodians can do.

Nicholas Pratt ([nicholaspratt@eircom.net](mailto:nicholaspratt@eircom.net))

Sibos 2018 preview

The Sibos theme this year is ‘Enabling the digital economy’ and our preview will gain views on this topic from some of those presenting at or attending the event which this year takes place in Sydney.

Nicholas Pratt ([nicholaspratt@eircom.net](mailto:nicholaspratt@eircom.net))

November 2018

French asset management report

France is one of the most attractive asset management markets in Europe. *Funds Europe* goes behind the industry’s facts and figures and looks at the experiences of some of the best-known local players. Plus, report on French asset servicers.

Mark Latham ([mark.latham@funds-europe.com](mailto:mark.latham@funds-europe.com))

ESG investing

The November issue will host a feature looking at latest developments in environmentally led investment.

Nick Fitzpatrick ([nick.fitzpatrick@funds-europe.com](mailto:nick.fitzpatrick@funds-europe.com))

Technology: Performance measurement

As a professional fund investor, you have heard much about closet index trackers. So what tools are available to help you spot them for yourself, or might third-parties be able to help?

Nicholas Pratt ([nicholaspratt@eircom.net](mailto:nicholaspratt@eircom.net))
December 2018

The macros
As the end of 2018 approaches, we speak to the macro fund managers about what the data they use and what it says about next year in equity and bond markets.

Nick Fitzpatrick (nick.fitzpatrick@funds-europe.com)

Distribution
We ask to what extent is the industry innovating as it implements the costs and charges disclosure requirements of MiFID II? And is it enough to help consumers compare costs and charges.

Mark Latham (mark.latham@funds-europe.com)

Distribution & technology
Funds Europe looks at how technology is being implemented to support distribution banks.

Nicholas Pratt (nicholaspratt@eircom.net)

If you are interested in any of the above features, please use only email to contact the writer directly.

Special reports

Before the year end we expect to produce a number of special reports published as supplements to the magazine. These, and the articles we expect to produce within them, are:

Multi-asset
This report will feature articles on: how multi-asset funds provided downside protection in the volatility seen this year; what fund flows to multi-asset products say about investor preferences; and whether factor investing has a role in multi-asset portfolios.

Exchange-traded funds
This report will feature articles on: how fixed income product development is finally taking off in Europe; the growth of interest in sector investing with ETFs; and an operational article on the effort to gain efficiencies in ETF processing to keep costs down.
‘Global industry’ report
This report will feature articles looking at the state of the asset management industry, focusing on: the outlook for profit margins given pressure from passive and the rise of asset managers in China; how asset managers can get ‘ahead of the curve’ in digital; the trends behind some of the key merger and acquisitions in the past two years.

Securities lending
This report will feature articles on: ETFs as collateral; collateral management; short selling activity in 2018.

FundTech
This report will feature articles on: blockchain-enabled digital funds; the institutionalisation of crypto currencies; digital solutions for asset raising; using news and social media in portfolio management.

If you are interested in any of the above special reports, please contact by email only Nick Fitzpatrick (nick.fitzpatrick@funds-europe.com). Your contacts will be stored and given to the relevant writers for consideration as articles are assigned.

Online
Funds Europe is willing to consider publication of online articles written by industry actors. Our preference is for economic-based articles looking at geographical regions; for asset class commentary and analysis; and for articles to do with operations, technology and regulation.

These articles should be between 200 to 560 words long. Short ‘listicle’ articles are also welcome (For example: 7 reasons to invest in EM debt; 6 check points for GDPR compliance).

If you are interested in online, please contact by email only Nick Fitzpatrick (nick.fitzpatrick@funds-europe.com) or Mark Latham (mark.latham@funds-europe.com).