

## The Winners from the UK & Ireland Awards 2015

The winners of the inaugural Institutional Investor UK & Ireland Awards were announced on 17 June 2015, at the Hilton Syon Park, as part of the UK & Ireland Roundtable.



*The awards were presented over dinner at the UK & Ireland Roundtable at the Hilton Syon Park*

The awards were presented by Institutional Investor Institute Director Alex Beveridge and Associate Director Antje Meyer during a dinner at the Hilton Syon Park, Richmond - the venue for the UK & Ireland Roundtable. The winners of these awards were voted for by their peers, following nominations from investors, consultants and managers for the leading candidates in each category. For a full list of the nominees and details of their funds' achievements, [click here](#).

Congratulations to all of the winners on their success!

## Best Use of Infrastructure



**Paddy Dowdall**, Assistant Executive Director, Greater Manchester Pension Fund

What do you see as your biggest challenge? *"The key challenge is to invest in assets with correct risk/reward trade off. There is a scarcity of suitable assets due to high investor demand driven by large capital capacity and low returns in other asset classes such as bonds. The competition can be fierce for blue chip assets and therefore pricing does not always truly reflect risk. This is mitigated through portfolio controls; to manage risk through diversification across sectors, investment managers and vintage of investments."*

See [How Greater Manchester Aims to Find the Right Risk/Reward Trade in Infrastructure](#) for more details.

## Best Use of Private Equity



**Ian McKnight**, Chief Investment Officer, Royal Mail Pension Trustees

What do you see as your biggest achievement? *"As CIO of the plan I take the plaudits, but it really is a team effort and the collective drive of the investment professionals to deliver stellar performance within the confines of strict risk parameters is a real achievement that we are all proud of. We have beaten our absolute and relative performance targets and we constantly strive to employ new methods and innovative investment processes in order to maintain our strong performance in the longer term."*

Read the full item: [Going Direct in Alternatives Has Saved Over £3m a Year](#)