

AbsoluteClimo Welcomes Paul Owens To Advisory Team

Pensions and Government Regulatory Executive With Climate and ESG Gravitas

San Francisco, Honolulu, Edmonton (18 April 2022) - AbsoluteClimo today proudly and warmly welcomes Paul Owens to our global advisory team. Paul is a senior executive with more than 25 years of strategic leadership in public and private sector pension plan management, investments and regulation, with a strong interest in Environmental, social, and corporate governance (ESG) with a deep genuine concern about life on Earth including impacts of climate change. Paul's specialties include strategic leadership, team building, governance and policy development, public, private and not-for-profit sectors.

"We are incredibly fortunate to have Paul join our outstanding diverse global advisory [team](#) as we take our leading climate model and climate-finance products further into new markets focusing on ESG, sustainability and responsible investments," said Brendan Lane Larson, Co-Founder CEO, Climatologist of AbsoluteClimo. *"Paul is a rare gem with both his extensive Canadian pensions, regulatory and governance experience, and his downright authentic care about climate impacts long before ESG quite recently exploded in popularity,"* Larson added.



Paul Owens is currently Senior Vice President, Pension Policy with Ellement Consulting Group. Paul was previously Deputy Superintendent of Pensions with the Government of Alberta and was responsible for regulation of 700+ private and public sector pension plans in the Province of Alberta. Paul transitioned the regulatory environment from rules to principles based with a focus on pragmatic, client focused regulation. Paul was the founding CEO of a jointly-trusted Canadian public sector pension plan with assets in excess of \$5 billion covering 30,000 members.

"The above picture is me with Wiley, a grey wolf. Wiley is the other grey-haired creature without the cap and glasses. I go for guided walks with Wiley in the Purcell Mountains of British Columbia. I believe wolves are a key part of the eco-system and I look at the positive impact they have had when they were re-introduced into Yellowstone National Park. I am honoured and humbled to be asked to join the AbsoluteClimo Advisory Team. My motivation is quite simply to leave a habitable planet for our children and future generations. Managing, predicting and positively controlling climate is key to achieving that outcome," said Paul Owens.

Paul also aligned and integrated investments, liabilities, systems and governance into a functioning, low cost, value-added operation. He transitioned a union-management lay board with revolving membership from an operating governance style to a policy focus. He previously designed and managed 11 global pension plans for a leading Canadian bank and is known for successful board leadership with international not-for-profit organizations. He also has extensive experience in industry related teaching, course development, governance, advisory committees, conference presentations and writing.

Paul is the recipient of the Libby Slater Award from the International Pension and Benefits Lawyers Association and has given presentations on ESG and climate change to the Investments and Pensions Europe 2019 conference and to the University of New Brunswick Masters in Quantitative Investment Management program.

Today's announcement coincides with AbsoluteClimo attending the Pension Bridge Annual [conference](#) in San Francisco, California this week. The conference is focused on structural transformations and investment ideas beneficial for long-term fiscal sustainability including ESG, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and cybersecurity. For the first time, this year Pension Bridge Annual is including a panel on **Climate Change – Understanding and Managing The Impact, Risks and Opportunities**.

About AbsoluteClimo

AbsoluteClimo's (absoluteclimo.com) mission is bettering life on Earth (☉) by helping people impacted by climate variability and change. AbsoluteClimo LLC, founded in 2016 in Honolulu, is a Hawai'i headquartered world leading climate forecasting and risk management company created and operated by pioneering reputable climatologists, meteorologists and seasoned entrepreneurs with accomplished scientific and business industry track record including NASDAQ/NMS listing and successful M&A. We serve business verticals in energy, agriculture, water resources, tourism, human health, financial services including re/insurance, insurance-linked securities, pensions, superannuations, private equity and the new ESG responsible investments markets.

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