Public Markets Part Two: Global Equity

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As head of Commonfund Institute, John Griswold directed investor education and market research activities for Commonfund, a nonprofit investment management company specializing in tax-exempt fund management. His current work with AGB involves consulting with boards and committees regarding governance, endowment investment and fiduciary responsibilities. He is a Member-at-Large of CFA Institute's U.S. Advocacy Advisory Committee, and a member of their faculty working to train public pension trustees in partnership with the Council of Institutional Investors (CII).

John joined the Commonfund as head of Client Services in 1992. He initiated and supervised the Commonfund Benchmarks Studies® of the performance of educational endowments, foundations, operating charities, and healthcare institutions, which collectively survey the investment performance and practices of hundreds of nonprofit institutions annually. In addition, he supervised and spoke at Commonfund's annual Endowment Institute at Yale University, Commonfund Forum, and nonprofit and investment industry conferences in the U.S., Europe, Asia and Canada. Mr. Griswold retired from Commonfund at the end of 2016.

John has authored many articles and book chapters on endowment management, board and committee governance, and the management of investment committees. He has been a member of numerous non-profit boards and investment committees, including the board of trustees of BoardSource (former Chair), The Boys and Girls Clubs of America, the Greenwich Roundtable (Chair) and the Regional Plan Association of New York.

John is a graduate of Yale University and attended the Columbia University Graduate School of Business. He is a member of the Yale Club of New York.