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Cofunds announces Economic Forum to kick off new events programme

Cofunds, the UK's leading independent platform for financial planning, is hosting an Economic Forum on 2nd March in London. This is the first in its all new programme of events for advisers and their staff, dedicated to offering valuable ongoing insight into market trends and the opportunities these present.

The keynote speech on the uncertainties still dominating the UK economic landscape will be made by the BBC's Economics Editor Stephanie Flanders. She will take questions from the floor before six leading fund managers give their views on the latest investment strategy opportunities open to advisers across a range of different asset classes:

- Multi-asset: John Chatfeild Roberts, Jupiter
- Equities: Mark Lyttleton, BlackRock
- Fixed income: Ian Spreadbury, Fidelity
- Commodities: Neil Gregson, JP Morgan
- Property: Andrew Jackson, Standard Life
- Absolute return: David Griffiths, Aegon

The Economic Forum is the first in Cofunds' refreshed programme of events for 2011. The series of regional conferences, interactive training seminars and expos has been completely re-designed based on feedback from advisers as to how they want to gain expert information to help support the development of their businesses.

Stephen Wynne-Jones, Head of Marketing at Cofunds said: "The Economic Forum will be an excellent opportunity for advisers to hear insightful debate covering the latest economic issues and investment trends. The event has been put together to allow advisers to network effectively with peers. The focus on sharing information and opinions will allow plenty of time for advisers to quiz the experts.

"Having conducted extensive market research including feedback from advisers, we have brought together a programme that we feel really adds the best value for advisers who need to make the most of their time. The interactive nature this event will enable advisers find solutions to the challenges in the years ahead through healthy debate."

For further information and to register for the event please click [here](#).

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