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NIA Appoints Keith Ambachtsheer as Senior Fellow in Retirement Income Security

TORONTO, April 15, 2019 – The NIA is honoured to announce that Keith Ambachtsheer, internationally recognized pension expert, has been appointed Senior Fellow in Retirement Income Security.

“Keith’s credentials, leadership, and willingness to tackle difficult questions on the Canadian retirement income landscape make him invaluable to our growing organization,” said Michael Nicin, NIA Executive Director. “There’s no doubt that Keith will be instrumental to the NIA’s mission of providing thought leadership and actionable research in support of retirement income security.”

“Internationally, Keith is arguably one of the most well-known Canadian thinkers in the world of pension plans,” said Bonnie-Jeanne MacDonald, NIA Director of Financial Security Research. “If that isn’t enough - he is also a dynamic and charismatic person who is a pleasure to work with.”

Keith Ambachtsheer has been named ‘Top 30 Difference-Maker’ by P&I, the ‘Globe’s #1 Knowledge Broker in Institutional Investing’ and ‘Top 10 Influential Academic in Institutional Investing’ by aiCIO, in the ‘Top Pension 40’ by II, ‘Outstanding Industry Contributor’ by IPE, the Lilywhite Award recipient by EBRI, the ‘Professional Excellence’ and ‘James Vertin’ Awards recipient by CFA Institute, the McArthur Industry Pioneer Award recipient by IMCA, and the Hirtle-Callghan Award for Investment Leadership.

He is Adjunct Professor of Finance, Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto, and Director Emeritus of its International Centre for Pension Management. He is a Senior Fellow at the National Institute on Ageing at Ryerson University, a member of the Melbourne-Mercer Global Pension Index Advisory Council, the CFA Institute’s Future of Finance Advisory Council, the World Economic Forum Long-Term Investing Council, the Georgetown University Center for Retirement Initiatives Scholars Council, and the Advisory Council of the Tobacco-Free Finance initiative.

He is also co-founder of KPA Advisory Services and of CEM Benchmarking Inc. KPA is a strategic advisory firm to the globe’s leading pension organizations in pension design, governance, and investing. CEM benchmarks ‘value for money’ in the investment and benefit administration functions of these organizations.

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The NIA is a think tank focused on meeting the realities of Canada's ageing population. We are Canada's only think tank dedicated to policy solutions at the intersections of healthcare, financial security, and social well-being in relation to ageing. We do evidence and experience driven research founded on the strongest available evidence and original research. Our team is led by experts and practitioners in the fields of financial security, healthcare delivery, and public policy. With the backing of Ryerson University and our industry partners we work across private and public sectors providing solutions that promote the evolution and sustainability of Canadian systems and programs. Our mission is to make Canada the best place to grow up and grow old.