



PUNEET KOHLI

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Speaker

Puneet Kohli has joined the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan as the Head of the External Managers Group (XMG). In this role, he leads the growth and consolidation of the External Manager Platform to support both Capital Markets and Total Fund objectives. The XMG invests globally in strategic partners, carefully selecting those with differentiated capabilities across asset classes, geographies, and investment strategies. Building long-term, mutually beneficial relationships is a key focus.

Prior to joining Ontario Teachers', Puneet served as an Assistant Vice President at the Healthcare of Ontario Pension Plan (HOOPP) from 2013 to 2023. During his tenure, he led investment programs in Capital Markets, Fixed Income, and Derivatives, optimizing returns while managing risk. His responsibilities included overseeing Derivatives and Alternative Strategies, such as External Managers, Insurance-Linked Securities, and Quantitative Trading.

Before joining HOOPP, Puneet worked as a Portfolio Manager at the National Bank of Canada, Alternative Investments, where he managed the Lotus Fund (volatility arbitrage) and the Red Stone Fund (tail-risk) for eight years. From 2001 to 2004, Puneet held the position of VP of Global Equity Derivatives at the Bank of Montreal, Nesbitt Burns (BMONB). He was responsible for volatility proprietary trading and provided expertise in volatility and credit-based products.



Puneet's earlier experience includes various roles at the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan from 1997 to 2001, including Research and Economics, Quantitative Analysis, and Volatility Portfolio Management. During this time, he managed four market-neutral accounts with a focus on volatility and correlation-based strategies.

Puneet holds a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics from the University of Toronto, an MBA from the Schulich School of Business, and is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) charterholder.

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