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**NICS A 2018 STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP FORUM  
HIGHLIGHTS DISTRIBUTION, PRODUCT TRENDS**

**McLean, VA, March 2, 2018**—NICS A announces the launch of its 2018 Strategic Leadership Forum, where over 350+ executives from across the global asset management spectrum—including asset management firms, broker dealers, and professional service providers—converged in Miami, Florida to share their insights on evolving business models within the financial industry.

Distribution and product trends take center stage at the event's general sessions, while innovation and analytics will be a significant focus during the interactive breakout sessions. The full [agenda](#), including an overview of the [40+ speakers](#), can be found on the Association's website. The conference will feature keynote presentations by the first female U.S. Navy F-14 Tomcat fighter pilot, [Carey Lohrenz](#), as well as Morningstar CEO [Kunal Kapoor](#) and Putnam Investments President and CEO, [Bob Reynolds](#). NICS A's annual *Face the Membership Roundtable* will feature CEOs from Thornburg Investment Management, MFS Investment Management, and Northern Trust.

Dan Houlihan, Executive Vice President at Northern Trust, and Chairman of NICS A's Board of Directors stated on the opening of the event: "With over 40 visionary speakers from our industry, we're very pleased to offer the NICS A membership a content-rich event that will be critical to every attendee's business planning in 2018."

Jim Fitzpatrick, President of NICS A, added: "We're focused on bringing a diverse group of industry participants to our events. We're excited to showcase some great insights on the distribution and product landscapes this year. NICS A offers great value to its members as they take on strategic preparations for 2018 and beyond. Interactive forums like the ones being delivered at this year's SLF provide great building blocks for innovation and leadership within the asset management industry."

At the conclusion of the 2018 Strategic Leadership Forum, NICS A will host [a charity golf tournament](#) in support of the NICS A [William T. Blackwell Scholarship Program](#), which recognizes outstanding students of the NICS A family with financial and social support for postsecondary education.

The Strategic Leadership Forum is being held at the Miami Doral in Florida from February 28 through March 2, 2018. For the complete program, including sessions and speakers, click [here](#).

### **About NICSA**

[NICSA](#) is a not-for-profit asset management trade association that connects global asset management industry participants in order to develop, share, and advance leading practices. For over fifty years, the Association has offered a collective, timely view on evolving themes shaping the financial industry.

NICSA member companies operate in all segments of the financial industry and include fund complexes, broker dealers, custodian banks, transfer agents, and other professional service firms including audit, tax, legal, technology, marketing, telecom, and compliance. Deep expertise and unique perspectives come together in an open and collaborative environment to tackle the strategic implementation of the industry's most vital issues. For more information about NICSA and how to become a member, contact 508-485-1500 or visit [www.nicsa.org](http://www.nicsa.org).

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