

# Mercer CFA Institute Global Pensions Index

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## What we will cover today

Mercer CFA Institute Global Pension Index

In 2022, we considered 44 retirement income systems

So, what are the features of the best pension systems?

How does Israel compare to other countries?

## The starting framework World Bank Model

**World Bank Model** 

#### The multi-pillar approach Pillar 0 Pillar 1 Pillar 2 Pillar 3 Pillar 4 A public, Financial and A basic mandatory A private, non-financial public A voluntary mandatory and support pension that and fully and fully outside contributory provides a funded funded system formal minimal level system linked to system pension of protection earnings arrangements

## The fundamental questions

#### **ADEQUACY**



What benefits are likely to be paid?



#### **SUSTAINABILITY**



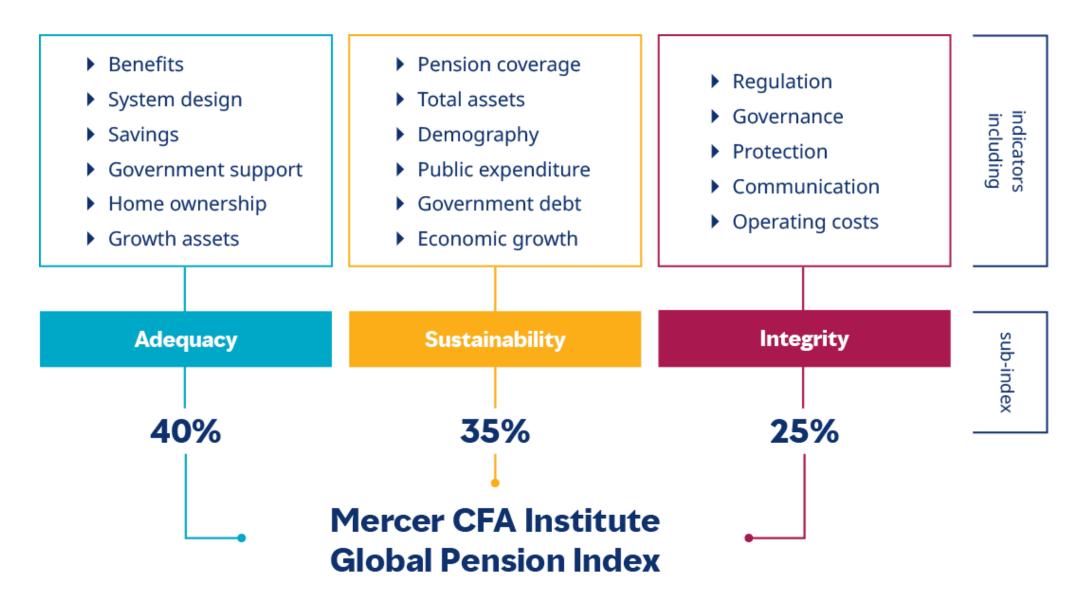
Can existing systems keep delivering?

#### **INTEGRITY**



Are the systems encouraging confidence?

## **Calculating the Global Pension Index**



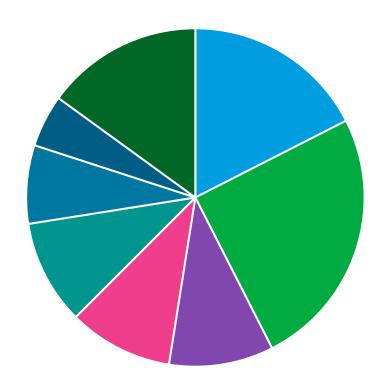
#### Some comments on the Index

- We use objective data from international agencies and each country
- It is comparative or relative; not absolute
- Subjective elements (e.g. community confidence) are important but very difficult to measure
- Some desirable data is not available for every system
- More than 50 indicators used; inevitably, weightings are subjective
- The index represents the overall "system", not
  - what an individual may receive
  - the best pension fund available



## **Adequacy**

#### Weighting given to different elements



- Minimum pension
- Preservation
- Growth Assets

- Net replacement rate
- Benefit format
- Other

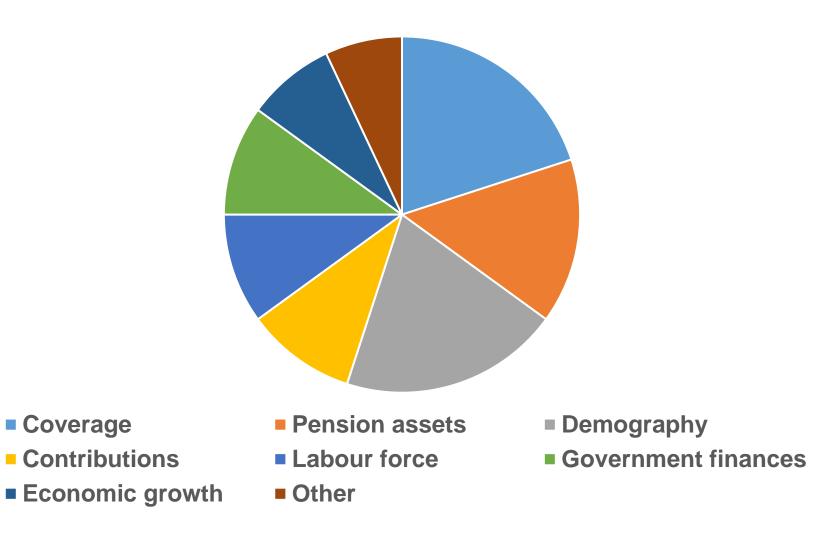
- Household saving and debt
- Benefit design



## **Sustainability**

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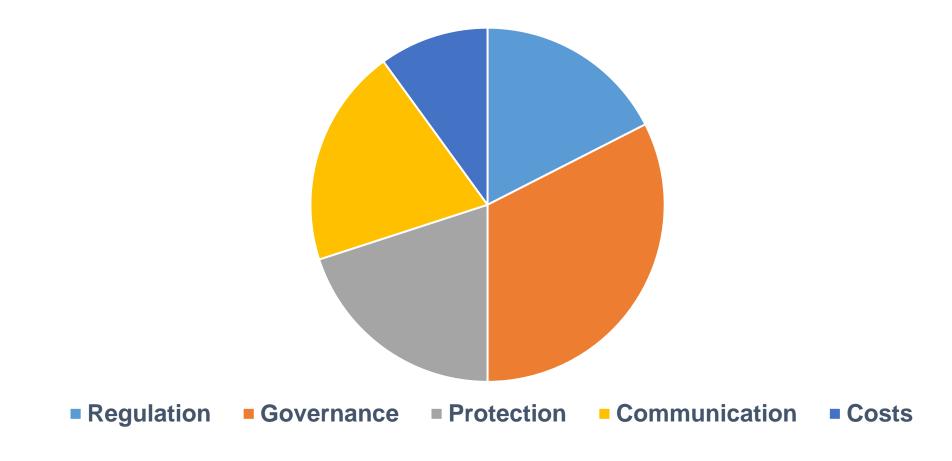
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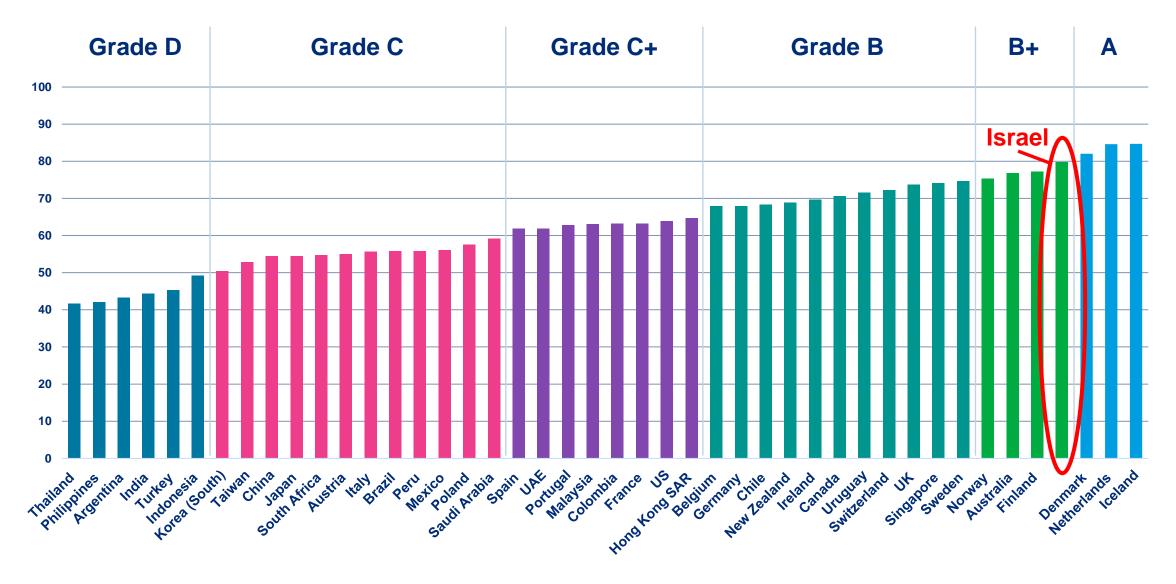
## **Integrity**

Weighting given to different elements





### **Overall results for 2022**





#### Israel



## Possible measures to improve the index value

- Increase the value of assets held in funded pension arrangements
- Reducing Government debt as a % of GDP
- Improving protection for private pension plan members in case of mismanagement or fraud
- Introducing a carer's pension credit for those caring for young children

