

## PRESS RELEASE

# GBTT Appoints Damian Pudner as Senior Research Fellow

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The Great British Think Tank (GBTT) is pleased to announce the appointment of **Damian Pudner** as its first **Senior Research Fellow**.

Pudner brings more than two decades of experience across investment banking and hedge funds, combined with academic contributions to monetary economics. He is a regular contributor to the national media on economic policy and macroeconomic issues, and his research has focused on the shortcomings of prevailing economic assumptions and the need to challenge orthodoxy where it fails to account for real-world outcomes.

In addition to his research role, Pudner will act as a public point of contact for editors, broadcasters, and external stakeholders, ensuring that the Think Tank's work is communicated clearly, accurately, and with appropriate analytical discipline. His work will focus on bringing GBTT's analysis of government waste, policy failure, and economic performance to the widest possible audience: accessible, rigorous, and grounded in evidence.

## About the Great British Think Tank

*Your money. Their waste.*

Britain does not lack political promises. What it lacks, too often, is policy discipline.

For decades, governments of all stripes have expanded the scale, cost, and complexity of the state without any commensurate improvement in outcomes. Public spending has risen. The tax burden has climbed. Productivity growth has remained weak. Too many public services continue to disappoint.

The gap between what government takes and what it delivers is now one of the defining features of British public life. The Great British Think Tank was established to confront that failure.

Our purpose is straightforward. Good policy begins with evidence, rigorous analysis, and a willingness to follow the facts, especially when they are inconvenient. Too much modern policymaking rests on assertion, short-term expediency, and institutional self-protection. Too little rests on measurement, accountability, and scrutiny.

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We are independent and not affiliated to any political party. Our concern is not who governs, but whether policy works; not what is promised, but what is delivered.

Where the state spends, we ask what is achieved. Where programmes expand, we test whether outcomes improve. Where regulation grows, we examine both its costs and its consequences.

**No comforting illusions. Just evidence.**

To that end, we are building a network of economists, researchers, entrepreneurs, and business leaders who combine technical expertise with practical experience. Many contributors do so privately. That is deliberate. It protects independence of judgement and allows arguments to be made candidly, rigorously, and without fear or favour.

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## **A More Effective State**

Our argument is not for a bigger state or a smaller one as an article of faith. It is for a more effective state. A state that is disciplined in what it does. Accountable for what it spends. And judged by what it actually delivers.

That requires better evidence, stronger scrutiny, and a greater willingness to challenge complacency where it exists.

**That is why we are here.**

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### **MEDIA ENQUIRIES**

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