

# **Your Quarterly News and Updates**

## **Dear CFA Society Finland,**

Thanks to all of you for participating in the member survey. The feedback is needed for planning activities and focus areas for the Society. We continued our efforts to make the survey shorter and more compact. There was a slight drop in the number of participants from last year (from 57 to 54), but it is very positive that we have been able to maintain the level. Most of you who answered the survey are satisfied or very satisfied with the value provided by both the CFA institute membership, the Society membership and especially with the value of the CFA charter, which is very encouraging to hear. We continue our efforts to make the experience even better for you and thank you for the feedback!



# Advocacy, Candidate and University Outreach News

#### Research Challenge - and the winner is... University of Turku!

Our Research Challenge committee with the lead of Board member Markku Leppälä, CFA, organized the local CFA Research Challenge competition for Finish universities again this year. Five teams competed, and Team University of Turku was victorious and advanced to the subregional final. We are extremely thankful for the large number of volunteers from our Society to help make the Research Challenge an annual project that also creates important advocacy effect at the universities. More about the final event with the winning team interview here.



## Next Nordic Investment Conference is planned to be held in Helsinki!

CFA Society Finland will be the next Society to organize the Nordic Investment Conference, we agreed with the leadership of the respective societies in Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden that we will start the planning to arrange the next Nordic Investment Conference in Helsinki in early 2025. We decided to change the schedule for the next conference mainly for two reasons: firstly, we thought that spring is less busy time and secondly, CFA institute has made impact funding available again. Currently, we are at the early stages of planning, but have discussed the possibility of impact funding from the Institute being part of the financing of the conference. Additionally, we will start contacting potential sponsors for the conference in the fall and start to plan the specifics of the conference.

#### CFA Institute's Higher Logic community

We want to highlight the Institute's new social media platform (Home - CFA Institute Community) that

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provides you with a platform to connect with your peers locally and internationally. The different Communities in the platform allow you to participate in discussions and share resources with other members. We encourage you to sign up and start to engage and network with your peers!

## Recent Events

Annual Forecast Dinner was held on 29th February at Restaurant Sunn in Helsinki. We had a great number of members attending again this year, featuring a lovely dinner and an interesting presentation by international guest Jean Maunoury, deputy CEO and CIO Research & Investment at iM Global Partner. Mr. Maunoury spoke on the active investment management theme and what the future might hold for the active investment managers compared to the past volatile years. Tuomo Urrila, CFA, was crowned as the Forecaster of the Year 2023. Many congratulations!



As Volunteer of the Year 2023 was awarded **Oskari Jaakkola**, **CFA**. Thank you and congratulations! See more here.

On March 13th we organized a relaxed Wine tasting event, **Modernisation of the Bond Market: Evolution of FI ETF's**, jointly with **Jane Street**, . We were happy to welcome **Cyrille Verbeeten** and **Dan Philip** from the Jane Street Institutional Sales & Trading team to visit our Society. They gave an introduction to Jane Street and an interesting presentation on ETF's, bond markets and its electrification, as well as portfolio trading and other developments and trends in the field. More on the event <a href="here">here</a>.

We continued to a topical breakfast event on 21st March, **Crypto Morning – Beyond the hype** which was held at Hotel Lilla Roberts in Helsinki with close to 30 members and guests present. Our audience had the pleasure of hearing thoughts from industry insiders, **Menno Martens**, VanEck, **Joonas Järvinen**, **CFA**, Kvarn Capital, and **Luca Willekens** and **Bernhard Wenger**, 21Shares. We heard a great presentation from each as well a lively Q&A session with topics ranging from the usability of cryptos in everyday financing to the regulatory framework as well as benefits and challenges cryptocurrencies bring as an asset class. See more <a href="here">here</a>.

#### Don't miss out on our upcoming events

We have an interesting lineup of events coming up during the spring and early summer. **Outlook-event** featuring a discussion on political and economic viewpoints is in the plans. A much wished-for event on **Al and finance** is being organized at the end of May. **Networking event** for members and candidates is in the pipeline for June. More on these in the coming weeks.

Remember to frequently check our website (<u>www.cfasocietyfinland.org</u>) and LinkedIn for both CFA Finland and international events, other updates and various research material!

#### Message from our Sponsor



Fidelity's Private Credit Quarterly: Strengthening backdrop drives outlook for M&A

Going into the second quarter of the year, the stage is set for a resurgence in leveraged buyouts by the end of 2024. This could improve conditions across all of Europe's private markets, with more supply and better terms to come. Read more: Private Credit Quarterly

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Sincerely,

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