

VBA beleggingsprofessionals and CFA Society Netherlands announce intention to merge

Amsterdam, September 19, 2017 - The boards of CFA Society Netherlands and VBA investment professionals announce that they have been granted permission to proceed with the merger of the two associations. Members were extensively informed and heard of the joint research which showed how the merger could best be achieved. The associations have almost identical objectives and believe that they can deliver more added value to members by merging the organisations. At the same time, the merged association wants to play a greater role in discussions about the future of the financial sector, with particular emphasis on asset management.

CFA Society Netherlands and VBA investment professionals are both recognized professional and leading member organizations. For decades they have had a leading role in integrity, professional behavior and professional competence. The two associations have experienced common ground for years in their efforts to create an environment in which the interests of investors are prioritized. Where possible, integration of events, programming, publications, career management and promotional efforts already took place. A merger of the two associations is a logical next step.

Jacco Heemskerk, President of CFA Society Netherlands: "Both associations largely focus their efforts on similar goals. We are convinced that we can add more value to our members by combining and utilizing our strengths. There will be an association that can independently guide the developments in the sector in the Netherlands, where members can increase their professional skills and become part of a flourishing community. An association that is strongly embedded in a global professional organization. "

Alfred Slager, Chairman of VBA Investment Professionals: "The boards of our associations would like to join hands and are in agreement on how to do that. We largely complement each other in terms of programming, activities and ambitions. We encourage both our members and other professionals in the industry to embrace the highest principles of ethics, education and professional conduct. This is partly done through the formulation of codes of conduct for the financial sector. We want to take responsibility together for the future of the financial sector, both in the Netherlands and in the Pan-European context. "

The merger will take effect on January 1 2019 at the latest.

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Over VBA beleggingsprofessionals

VBA beleggingsprofessionals is opgericht in 1961 en heeft als doel de kwaliteit en integriteit van de beleggingsprofessional te bevorderen onder meer door voortdurende bijscholing te faciliteren. en een sterk evenementen programma. Studenten die de postdoctorale VU-VBA opleiding 'Investment Management' afronden krijgen de titel van 'Register Beleggings Analist' (RBA). Na het doorlopen van de postdoctorale opleiding 'Risk Management for Financial Institutions' wordt de RMFI titel verkregen. De VBA is diep ingebed in de Nederlandse financiële sector met ruim 1300 leden aangesloten die werkzaam zijn in verschillende disciplines binnen de financiële sector.

Over CFA Society Nederland

CFA Society Netherlands is opgericht in 1999 als vereniging van beleggingsprofessionals die de hoogste eisen stelt aan ethiek, educatie en professioneel gedrag. De vereniging heeft in Nederland ruim 850 leden en laat sterke groei zien. De vereniging is aangesloten bij het internationale netwerk van CFA Institute, een non-profit organisatie met wereldwijd meer dan 148.000 leden in 167 landen, inclusief 142.000 CFA charterholders en 148 gelieerde verenigingen. Voor meer informatie, zie <https://www.cfasociety.org/netherlands>