



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Valued Member

As we move into our new fiscal year, CFA Society South Africa remains focused to deliver on its strategy and vision. As a growing Society with over 2000 members, a committed board, effective committees and passionate volunteers we strive to continue delivering value to our members.

Thank you to all members who have renewed their 2020/2021 membership, your loyalty and support is appreciated. We recognize the challenges you are facing through this unprecedented time and are committed to developing relevant and virtual resources to support you.

We are therefore, delighted to offer our CFA Society South Africa Regular, Affiliate and Local members complimentary registration to our virtual annual investment conference, **Sharpen the Mind - Investing from Emerging Markets** on the 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

The agenda will cover the different disciplines that will equip delegates with technical skills and knowledge to deal better with the current demands and give them "the edge" in an ever-changing world.

The conference speakers include: **Professor Aswath Damodaran, Dr Dambisa Moyo and Bobby Henebry, CFA.**

For more information on the event and to register [click here](#)

FAREWELL

We bid farewell to **Rosanne Howarth, CFA** who has been a Board member for 3 years, in the role of Marketing and Communication committee member and Chair of the Employer Outreach Committee.

Rosanne brought to the board that unique combination of experience and enthusiasm, and a work ethic far beyond the calling of a volunteer. The Society owes her a huge debt of gratitude for the value she added, and for the inimitable style in which she did it.

We would like to thank Rosanne for her immense contribution, passion and dedication to the growth and success of CFA Society South Africa.



BUILDING A BETTER SOCIETY

The Women in Investment Management and Diversity Committee is conducting a **Diversity & Inclusion Lived Experiences Survey**.

The purpose of this survey is to obtain the first-hand experiences of professionals who work in any role within the investment industry value chain with specific emphasis on their experiences of diversity, inclusion and belonging.

We encourage you to participate in the survey and play a role in creating the meaningful change we need to see in radically improving diversity, inclusion and belonging in investment industry both in South Africa and in the world at large.

[Click here](#)

Closing date for the survey is **11 September 2020**

CALL TO ACTION

*finweek* Collective Insight invites you to submit your article for their next edition focusing on the topic: **All about Property**.

In our post-covid world, this topic most decidedly deserves a relook and a rethink. From a financial decision-making framework, it's probably one of the most important decisions we make – irrespective of what income bracket we may be in. Similarly, a post-covid world could have serious implications for how we treat it as an asset class. And finally, from an impact perspective, how we make housing available and affordable has important consequences for how our country evolves over the future.

Collective Insight are requesting for articles between 800 and 1500 words. The Advisory Committee then selects those articles that they deem most appropriate for formulating the publication's narrative on the topic.

Authors whose articles are selected will be invited to discuss their articles at the virtual Collective Insight Roundtable discussion hosted by CFA Society South Africa.

Please submit your articles to Anne Cabot-Alletzhauser at [cabota@forbes.com](mailto:cabota@forbes.com), please note that submissions are due **7<sup>th</sup> September 2020**.

If you are unfamiliar with the types of articles that appear in Collective Insight, [please view here](#) previous edition, where we focused on Investing for Impact.

WEEKLY WEBINARS

**CFA Societies Pan-African Webinar Series: Fintech, Chaos or Opportunity?**

How has Fintech and the access to unvetted online content affected your investment decisions?

Join the panel: **Mbithe Muema** (Moderator) and **Dr Noel Tagoe; Aeko Ongodia, CFA; and Razaq Ahmed, CFA** who will discuss Fintech and the inevitable increase of opportunistic and unscrupulous actors which has resulted in the number of Ponzi schemes and targeted social media financial hacks.

**1 September 2020 at 2pm**  
[Register Now](#)

**The Principles for Responsible Investment Series:**

**Climate Change Risk Management and The Revised Responsible Investment and Ownership Guide**

This will be the final session of the Principles for Responsible Investment webinar series and will be a recap of the key points covered in the webinars to date, and focus on presenting practical guidance for stakeholders in initiating and/or stepping up their responsible investment practices. Presented by **Ben Gaffney**, Sustainability Specialist at International Financial Corporation (IFC) and **Cecilia Murai**, Program Manager at Green Bonds Programme.

**9 September 2020 at 1pm**  
[Register Now](#)

**Is 'Value' The New Widow Maker?**

"Value" sector profits are in terminal decline. As such, structurally overweighting the value-heavy European market versus the growth-heavy US market is a "widow maker" trade. The caveat is that a vicious snapback out of growth into value is possible when a universally accepted treatment for Covid-19 is found. Or if bond yields spike. This would create a burst of outperformance from Europe, but any such snapback would be a brief interruption to the mega downtrend.

BCA Research's **Dhaval Joshi**, European Investment Strategist, takes us through his view.

**18 September 2020 at 1pm**  
[Register Now](#)

**Creating an enabling environment for sustainable investing in South Africa**

**Impact Investing, ESG, Infrastructure, Green Bonds and the clients' needs**

Presented by **Shameela Ebrahim**, Chief Sustainability Officer at the JSE; **Santhuri Thaver, CFA**, Senior Credit Analyst at Ashburton Investments and Future growth panellist (to be confirmed) with Moderator, **Melville du Plessis, CFA**, Vice-President of CFA Society South Africa.

**22 September 2020 at 1pm**  
[Register Now](#)

**Diversity and Inclusion now - Experiences and Actions Part 2**

This webinar will feature a discussion of the results of this CFA Society South Africa inaugural Diversity & Inclusion Lived Experiences Survey with proposed action plans to improve diversity and inclusion in firms and in the industry as a whole. Speakers include **Nene Molefi**, CEO & Owner of Mandate Molefi Human Resource Consultancy and investment firm leaders - moderated by **Nerina Visser, CFA** President of CFA Society South Africa

**29 September 2020 at 12pm**  
[Register Now](#)

**FPI APPROVED ONLINE CONTENT**

Build your CPD portfolio for free with CFA Society South Africa's channel on Asset TV. Watch insightful content updated weekly:

**Investing for Impact: Heather Jackson, CFA, and Dr Stuart Theobald, CFA**  
(0.5 CPD points)

To view [click here](#)

**RENEW YOUR MEMEBERSHIP NOW**

For Regular/ Affiliate members who have not yet renewed their 2020–2021 membership please note renewal is due **31 August**.

Membership will lapse from the **8th September** and you will not be able to use the CFA® designation and will lose access to member benefits.

**Demonstrate your commitment to professional excellence.**

[Renew now](#)

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