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Timely, accurate, and decision-useful corporate disclosures are the lifeblood of our public capital markets. CFA charterholders rely on them to perform financial analyses and make investment decisions and recommendations for their firms and clients. The laws that define public companies' disclosure obligations are the subject of a [case](#) now before the Supreme Court of Canada, which is expected to be heard in the coming months. Among the arguments being presented to the court is that public companies' obligation to make prompt disclosure of material changes to their business, capital, and operations ought to be read much more narrowly than reflected in current market practice. If the court accepts these arguments, this could have significant, negative implications for the efficiency of our public markets.

It is for this and other reasons that CFA Societies Canada sought leave to intervene as a friend of the court, and present a perspective on the issues raised in the case that is informed by charterholders' experience using and relying on public companies' disclosures in their work. This is an avenue for advocacy that we haven't tried before, but I'm pleased to say it's yielding positive results—the court accepted the request to intervene earlier this month. Seasoned counsel, working pro bono, are currently at work on submissions to the court. I'm grateful to CFA Societies Canada Board Chair Ron Schwarz, CFA, and Managing Director Michael Thom, CFA, for their leadership in this matter, and look forward to continuing to follow the progress of the appeal.

Response Drafting in Progress **Canadian Advocacy Council**



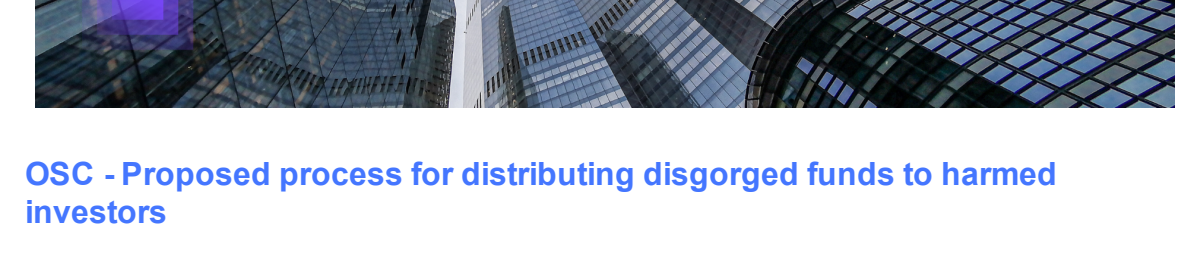
CIRO - Proposed Proficiency Model – Approved Persons under the Investment Dealer and Partially Consolidated Rules
Due September 17, 2024

CIRO is publishing for comment proposed amendments to its proficiency rules applicable to Investment Dealer Approved Persons in the Investment Dealer and Partially Consolidated Rules to reflect its proposed proficiency model.

- Highlights of the proposed proficiency model are:
- Exams for each Approved Person category based on the published competency profiles,
 - No mandatory courses as prerequisites to exams,
 - Mandatory conduct training upon approval,
 - Continuing education training on topics mandated by CIRO annually,
 - Baseline education requirements for Registered Representatives to include a diploma, degree or four years of relevant work experience, and
 - Greater role for CIRO in new program design and ongoing delivery.

Implications for CFA recognition for the following category-specific examples:

- Investment Representative (IR):** Future registrants will have the choice of either passing the "new" Canadian Investment Regulatory Exam ("CIRE") from CIRO, or CFA Level 1 within 3 years prior to licensing approval, and (optionally) passing the new Derivatives Exam from CIRO if derivatives licensing is needed. Previously, an aspiring registrant would have required completion of the Canadian Securities Course or CFA Level 1 and the mandatory Conduct and Practices Handbook Course from CSI, plus any applicable derivatives courses (up to 4 applicable additional courses).
- Registered Representative (Retail):** Future registrants will need to have a 4-year diploma or equivalent experience, and will have the choice of either passing the "new" Canadian Investment Regulatory Exam ("CIRE") and the "new" Retail Exam from CIRO, or solely passing CFA Level 1 within 3 years prior to licensing approval, and (optionally) passing the new Derivatives Exam from CIRO if derivatives licensing is needed. Previously, an aspiring registrant would have required completion of the Canadian Securities Course or CFA Level 1 and the mandatory Conduct and Practices Handbook Course from CSI, plus any applicable derivatives courses (up to 4 applicable additional courses), followed by completion of the Wealth Management Essentials Course within 3 years post-registration (waived if the registrant was or became a CFA charterholder).
- Registered Representative (Institutional):** Future registrants will need to have a 4-year diploma or equivalent experience, and will have the choice of either passing the "new" Canadian Investment Regulatory Exam ("CIRE") and the "new" Institutional Exam from CIRO, or solely passing CFA Level 1 within 3 years prior to licensing approval, and (optionally) passing the new Derivatives Exam from CIRO if derivatives licensing is needed. Previously, an aspiring registrant would have required completion of the Canadian Securities Course or CFA Level 1 and the mandatory Conduct and Practices Handbook Course from CSI, plus any applicable derivatives courses (up to 4 applicable additional courses).
- Portfolio Manager and Associate Portfolio Manager:** CIRO has chosen to keep these categories aligned with CSA requirements (as detailed in NI 31-103), with either the legacy CIM designation or passage of CFA Level 1 being acceptable (in combination with acceptable experience) for the Associate PM category, and the CFA charter or legacy CIM designation for the PM category (again, in combination with acceptable experience, where less is required of CFA charterholders).



OSC - Proposed process for distributing disgorged funds to harmed investors

Due October 9, 2024

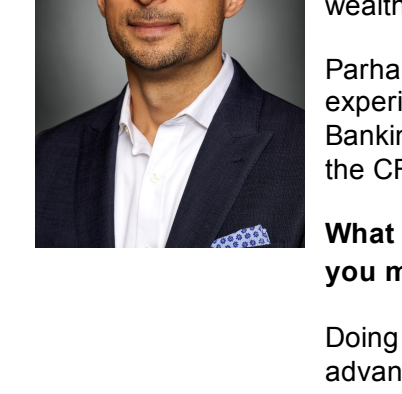
The Ontario Securities Commission (OSC) published for comment a rule proposal that would establish a new process for returning money to harmed investors.

The proposed process would apply when disgorgement is ordered in an enforcement proceeding before the Capital Markets Tribunal or the Ontario Superior Court of Justice and the OSC receives sufficient funds to make a distribution feasible.

The OSC is publishing the rule proposal to address recent legislative amendments to the Ontario Securities Act, the *Commodity Futures Act*, and the *Securities Commission Act, 2021*. Upon proclamation, the legislative amendments will create a statutory framework for the distribution of money received by the OSC under disgorgement orders.

****If you would like to participate or provide comments to ongoing initiatives, please contact cac@cfacanada.org****

Volunteer Spotlight **Canadian Advocacy Council**



Parham Nasser, CFA

Parham is the President of InvestorCOM, a leading provider of regulatory compliance software and communications solutions for wealth and asset managers in the financial services industry.

Parham has decades of wealth management and regulatory experience. He previously held roles at the Ombudsman for Banking Services & Investments and the Brattle Group. He holds the CFA charter and an MBA from the Schulich School of Business.

What is it about volunteering with the CAC that appealed to you most?

Doing my part as a charterholder and citizen of the ecosystem to advance the efficiency and integrity of the Canadian capital markets.

What advocacy issues are you most passionate about?

I believe we are very fortunate to have a strong and well-functioning capital market system in Canada. I'm most passionate about issues that work towards building a more efficient, effective, and inclusive capital market ecosystem.

News



Book Launch Event: 'The Journey of Leadership'

We are pleased to announce the next great read in CFA Societies Canada and the University of Toronto - Rotman School of Management's co-presented book launch series:

'The Journey of Leadership' with Mark Fields and Hans-Werner Kaas

[Register](#) to attend in-person on October 10 at 5:30-6:30 pm EDT.

Virtual Streaming is available exclusively to Canadian CFA Society members.

The registration fee of \$47.00+HST includes a copy of the book (discounted to \$37.00+HST for Society members with code; please contact your [local society](#) for details).



Event

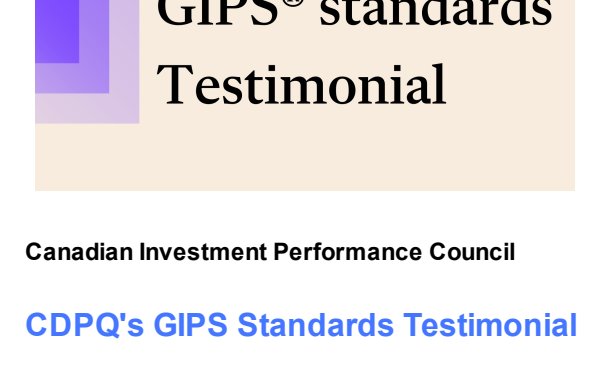
Register for the Sustainable Finance Forum 2024 (November 28-29, Ottawa, ON)

[Register](#) for the Sustainable Finance Forum 2024, taking place on November 28-29 at the Shaw Centre in Ottawa.

The Forum brings together industry leaders, policymakers, and change-makers to tackle the most pressing economic, environmental, and social challenges through the lens of finance.

By attending, you'll have the opportunity to:

- Engage with top industry leaders, policymakers, and change-makers
- Discover innovative financial strategies driving real change
- Contribute to a national dialogue on regulations and policies supporting sustainable growth



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CDPQ's GIPS Standards Testimonial

The Canadian Investment Performance Council recently asked Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (CDPQ) about their journey to becoming GIPS compliant. CDPQ responded with their [testimonial](#), which includes insights into what initially motivated them to adopt the standards in 2002, as well as what the maintenance process has been like for them since.

CDPQ's GIPS standards verifier, Deloitte Canada, also provided feedback on how the verification process works and offered their take on the benefits of GIPS® standards compliance.

We wish to recognize CDPQ and Deloitte Canada for participating in this initiative. Thank you for demonstrating your commitment to the principles of fair representation and full disclosure in the investment industry.

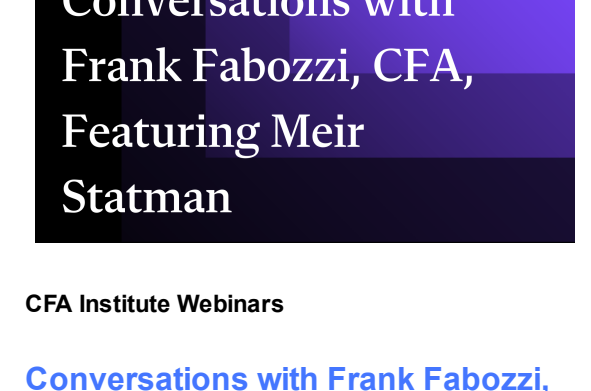


Regulator News

Autorité des marchés financiers (AMF) publishes a French-language personal finance student guide

Autorité des marchés financiers (AMF) recently published a student guide titled [Finance personnelle 101 pour étudiants](#) (in French only), designed for students who aspire to achieve financial independence.

The first available module is on real estate.



CFA Institute Webinars

Conversations with Frank Fabozzi, CFA, Featuring Meir Statman

The next episode in this series features host Frank Fabozzi, CFA, as he speaks with Meir Statman, the Glenn Klimek Professor of Finance at Santa Clara University. Statman, a leading expert on behavioral finance, who shares insights from his previous and forthcoming research initiatives. He likens financial advisors to financial physicians and stresses the role of ethics in behavioral finance.

[Register](#) to attend on Sep 18 at 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm EDT.



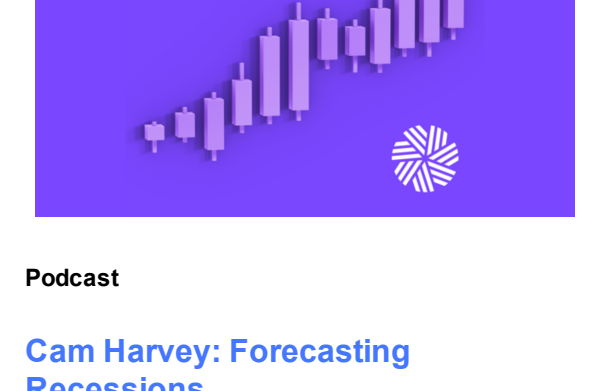
Canadian Investment Performance Council

LinkedIn Performance Topic: Return Annualization

Ever wonder how to compare performance across time? Performance annualization is the key! It transforms any time period into an annual rate.

CIPC member [Daniel Talje, CFA, FRM, CIPM](#), shares his insights in this [LinkedIn post](#) on performance annualization, where he compares common calculation methodologies and considerations to keep in mind when annualizing returns.

Research, Advocacy, Standards and Professional Learning

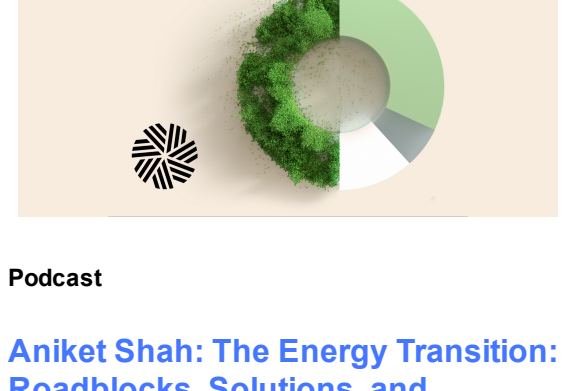


Podcast

Cam Harvey: Forecasting Recessions

[Cambell Harvey](#), Professor of Finance at Duke University and author of "DeFi and the Future of Finance," speaks about his famous theory linking an inverted yield curve and impending recessions. He also shares his perspective on the current volatile market and the Federal Reserve's potential actions.

Tune in for an enlightening conversation filled with expert analysis and valuable investment insights.



Podcast

Aniket Shah: The Energy Transition: Roadblocks, Solutions, and Investment Opportunities

In this episode of the Sustainability Story, host [Deborah Krid, CFA](#), talks with [Dr. Aniket Shah](#), Managing Director and Global Head of Sustainability and Transition Strategy at Jefferies Group, LLC. Aniket leverages his work across academia, public policy, and financial markets to provide unique insights into the energy transition roadblocks and the three keys to overcoming them. He shares his insights on profiting from investment opportunities in climate technologies and why climate adaptation investments deserve special focus.



The Canadian Advocacy Council, on behalf of CFA Societies Canada, advances investor protection, industry professionalism, market integrity and transparency to the benefit of society.


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