

APAC Open Day

upskill for success

Upskilling for a successful career in the finance and investment industry

12-13 April 2024

12:00-16:00 HKT/GMT+8



Don't miss the chance to attend the CFA Institute APAC Open Day, a virtual conference that brings you insights and advice from the experts and practitioners in the finance and investment field. You will have the opportunity to hear from them about their own career paths and learn directly from employers and HR professionals on how to equip yourself to take advantage of career opportunities ahead.

You will also discover the evolution of the CFA® Program, and other learning products that can help you set the standard in specific pathways and areas of interest – like ESG Investing, Climate Risk, Private Markets and Data Science, etc.

Whether you are starting your career, enhancing your skills, or advancing to the next level, we are here to provide you with the tools to excel in performance with purpose.

Event Highlights

CFA Institute Programs Showcase

Learn how CFA Institute learning offerings can help you advance your career in this ever-evolving investment industry.

Candidate Sharing

Hear directly from CFA Program candidates on their journey and experience.

Employer's Perspectives

Engage with top employers to understand the industry trends and how CFA designation helps you stand out in your job application.

Live Q&A

Get instant answer on your questions about CFA Institute learning offerings.

Lucky Draw

There are multiple chances to during the conference to win a savings of up to USD1,200 on your CFA Program Level I exam fee. **New candidates only*

Day 1, 12 April 2024

12:00 - 12:10

Welcome and Opening Remarks

- Margaret Franklin, CFA, CEO, CFA Institute

12:10 - 12:30

Keynote Address

Unlocking Your Potential in the Investment Management Industry with the CFA® Program

- David Sanders, CFA, Senior Director, Practical Analysis, CFA Institute

12:35 - 13:20

Panel

My Career Journey: Investment Management Industry

- Hamish Ellis-Jack, CFA, Chief Financial Officer, Sustainable Property
- TJ Hyun, CFA, Director, Credian Partners
- Frank Li, CFA, Portfolio Manager, Diversified Portfolios, MLC Asset Management
- Yushu Wu, CFA, Manager, Portfolio Management, Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank
- David Ching, CFA, Portfolio Manager, Polymer Capital (moderator)

13:25 - 14:10

Presentation + Conversation

The Evolving Workforce: Hiring Trends in the Finance and Investment Industry

- Jessy Wong, Senior Partner and Head of Financial Services Practice, Page Executive
- Brenda Hou, CFA, Head, Global Partnerships & Client Solutions, Growths Markets, CFA Institute (moderator)

14:15 - 15:00

Panel

Pursuing the CFA Charter: First Hand Candidate Experience Sharing

- Anthony Fazzolari, Investment Analyst, HESTA
- Guo Hao, Associate, Equities Department, Investment Bank
- Muskaan Kedia, Level III candidate, Senior Finance Executive, Azim Premji Foundation
- Clarein Delfia Sedasus, Senior Manager, PwC Indonesia
- Lexi Lee, CFA, Board of Directors, CFA Society Malaysia (moderator)

15:05 - 15:50

Conversation

Foundational Knowledge for the World of Private Markets and Alternative Investments

- Azmi Özünlü, CFA, Senior Director, Content Development, CFA Institute
- Richard Fernand, CFA, Head, Courses and Certificates, Professional Learning, CFA Institute

15:55 - 16:00

Day 1 Closing Remarks



Day 2, 13 April 2024

12:00 - 12:05

Welcome and Overview

- Brenda Hou, CFA, Head, Global Partnerships & Client Solutions, Growths Markets, CFA Institute

12:05 - 12:25

Keynote Address

Evolution of the CFA Program

- Grace Yeung, CFA, Senior Director, Exam Development, CFA Institute

12:30 - 13:15

Panel

Exploring the Path to Earning the CFA Charter: First Hand Candidate Experience Sharing

- Bogeum Choi, Senior Consultant, EY
- Muhammad Ghithrif, Coordinator, PT Ikigai Sukses Berjaya
- Wenxing Guo, Research Fellow, Distinguished Consultancy Firm
- Ayesha Nasir, CFA, Financial Analyst, Arising Ventures
- Bobby Lee, CFA, Board of Directors, CFA Society Malaysia (moderator)

13:20 - 14:20

Conversation

The Future of Work in the Finance and Investment Industry: Skills and Learning

- Ravi Gautham, CFA, Head Northern Trust, India
- Cindy Tan, CFA, CEO (Singapore), GMO
- Wisely Ngai, CFA, Executive Director, CFA Society Hong Kong (moderator)

14:25 - 15:10

Panel

My Career Journey: Investment Banking, Advisory, and Research Industries

- Mary Jade Roxas-Divinagracia, CFA, Managing Partner, Deals and Corporate Finance, PwC Philippines
- Tab Boonthaveepat, CFA, Executive Director, Goldman Sachs
- Andy Liao, CFA, Regional Manager, ViewTrade Securities Inc
- John Wang, CFA, Vice President and Senior Analyst, Moody's Investors Service
- Mark Bruny, CFA, Head of Africa and Asia, Cascade Debt (moderator)

15:15 - 16:00

Presentation + Conversation

Driving Positive Change: Leveraging ESG Education for a Purposeful Professional Journey

- Sonia Gandhi, CFA, Senior Director, Curriculum Development, Curriculum & Learning, CFA Institute
- Richard Fernand, CFA, Head, Courses and Certificates, Professional Learning, CFA Institute

16:00 - 16:05

Day 2 Closing Remarks

