

Atlantic Islands & Latin America

Candidate: Javier García



Nomination Packet, PCR, Atlantic Islands & Latin America

Statement of Qualifications and Intention

I am writing to formally declare my intention to run for the position of Presidents Council Representative (PCR) for the Atlantic Islands & Latin America region, for the two-year term beginning September 1st, 2026. The Atlantic Islands & Latin America region brings together over 5,000 CFA Charterholders and thirteen diverse societies across a vast and dynamic geography, from the Caribbean islands to the Southern Cone. I believe this is a critical moment to strengthen our region's voice within CFA Institute, and I am committed to bringing that voice forward with energy, transparency, and a genuine understanding of our shared opportunities and challenges.

I am a CFA Charterholder in good standing since 2010 and a continuous active member of CFA Institute and CFA Society Chile since that same year. I have been an engaged volunteer within CFA Society Chile since 2010, when I was part of organising the first-ever version of the CFA Research Challenge in Chile and have since contributed to educational programs, member events, and outreach initiatives for more than fifteen years. In 2020, I joined the Board of Directors of CFA Society Chile, serving first as Treasurer, then as Vice President from 2023 to 2025, and since 2025, I have been serving as President of the Board.



Additionally, since 2023, I have served as the Chair of the Atlantic Islands & Latin America Advocacy Committee, working with all societies in the region in advancing the CFA Institute's mission. This progressive leadership journey has given me firsthand experience in society governance, strategic planning, and engagement with CFA Institute, and has deepened my appreciation for the challenges and rewards of leading a professional community.

Academically, I hold an Engineering degree, a MSc in Finance, and an MBA. Professionally, I have worked in financial markets for over 25 years, with experience in investment banking across Latin America and Europe in Sales and Trading, and for the last twelve years in asset management, first as CEO of BlackRock for South America ex Brazil, and since 2016, as the owner of an alternative investment management firm operating in the real estate and private debt spaces in Chile. This breadth of experience—across geographies, asset classes, market cycles, and institutional settings—has given me a profound appreciation for the values of integrity, professional standards, and investor protection that lie at the heart of the CFA Institute mission.

As Presidents Council Representative, I will be fully committed to the responsibilities of the role. I will actively solicit feedback from all thirteen societies in our region, ensuring that the perspectives of both large and smaller societies are heard and represented. I will facilitate dialogue, collaboration, and the sharing of best practices among our societies, fostering a sense of community and mutual support across borders. I will represent the collective interests of our region's societies and members before the Presidents Council, the CFA Institute Board of Governors, and CFA Institute leadership, with honesty and diligence. I am available to serve on any CFA Institute Board of Governors or oversight committees to which I may be assigned and will be present and engaged at society leader meetings and Society Leadership Conferences throughout the term.

I bring to this candidacy a personal commitment to the values of the CFA Program and a long-standing dedication to the CFA Institute community, a proven record of leadership within our society, and the professional and academic experience to engage meaningfully with the issues that matter most to our region. I am honored to put my name forward and respectfully ask for the support of society presidents across the Atlantic Islands & Latin America region. It would be a privilege to serve.

Sincerely,

Javier García Riesco, CFA
President, CFA Society Chile

[Vision for PCR Term](#)

The Atlantic Islands & Latin America region is home to over 5,000 CFA Charterholders who belong to thirteen societies spread across a vast and diverse geography. While our region is



not the largest in the CFA Institute network, we are a region of country-level societies which have a measurable local impact. We have a meaningful presence in local media, established relationships with regulators, and a real capacity to shape market practices and advance the investment profession in our respective markets. That potential is our greatest asset and unlocking it fully must be our shared ambition.

To realise that potential, our societies cannot work in isolation. My central vision for this term is to deepen the alignment and collaboration between CFA Institute and the societies of our region. This means leveraging CFA Institute resources more effectively at the local level, ensuring that societies have the support, tools, and institutional backing they need to make an impact. It also means opening a more genuine channel of feedback with CFA Institute and I'll focus on making sure CFA Institute listens to what societies observe on the ground, and to adapt its priorities and programs accordingly.

As PCR, I will be proactive in gathering and conveying that feedback. I will work with society leaders to identify, country by country, where we can together influence regulation, improve market practices, and accelerate the adoption of the CFA Program and of CFA Institute initiatives. I will bring concrete, actionable proposals to CFA Institute—not just concerns, so that our dialogue leads to results. The societies of our region are ready to do more. My role will be to ensure that CFA Institute is ready to do it with us.

Javier García Riesco, CFA
President, CFA Society Chile

[Letter of Reference](#)

To Whom It May Concern,

It is my pleasure to write this letter in support of Javier García as he presents his candidacy for the position of Presidents Council Representative of the Atlantic Islands and Latin American Countries (AILAAC) region.

I have had the privilege of working alongside Javier for several years and can attest to his professional excellence, his personal integrity, and his strong commitment to serving CFA Institute and the AILAAC region.

Javier has demonstrated a consistent and long-standing commitment as a volunteer within the CFA Institute community, most recently as President of CFA Society Chile and the Atlantic Islands and Latin America Advocacy Committee. Through his active engagement with his local society and with regional initiatives, he has shown dedication, reliability, and a genuine willingness to contribute to the advancement of the profession and the strengthening of the CFA community.



Over the years, Javier has developed a deep understanding of both the dynamics of the AILAAC region and the mission and governance of CFA Institute. His familiarity with the opportunities and challenges facing societies across the region, combined with his collaborative approach and strategic mindset, position him well to represent the region effectively.

Javier brings a thoughtful leadership style, strong interpersonal skills, and the ability to listen and build consensus among diverse stakeholders. He approaches responsibilities with professionalism and integrity, qualities that are essential for the role of Presidents Council Representative.

On a personal level, Javier is highly respected for his collegial spirit, professionalism, and commitment to service. His engagement with the CFA community reflects a long-term dedication to strengthening the profession and supporting the growth of the Institute across the region.

I am confident that Javier will bring the same level of dedication, integrity, and thoughtful leadership to the PCR role, and that he will represent the AILAAC region with distinction.

Please feel free to contact me should you require any further information.

Sincerely,
Barbara Mainzer, CFA

[Nominator](#)

Nomination submitted by Amy Hubble, PhD, CFA, TEP