



CFA Society
Mauritius

Annual Report 2018



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INTRODUCTION AND PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is a pleasure, on the one hand, to present the Annual Report 2018 on behalf of the Management Committee (MC) of the CFA Society Mauritius (CFASM); while, on the other, it is also a sobering reminder that our three year elan as MC has inevitably reached its fleeting end.

However, we are comforted in the thought, that over the last three years the society membership has grown by nearly 27% and that the society reserves have stacked up by around 31%, while maintaining cap on our strategic paradigm shift and emphasis focused on ultimate “member satisfaction and participation”.

We were ranked third, among the 23 EMEA CFA Societies, in the category “Most Improved Society Member Satisfaction Rating 2017” with a 12% leap in member satisfaction based on a CFAI survey of our members. This, no mean achievement has not been just a fruit of hazard; for, at the very beginning of our mandate, we had realized that **member value creation** should be the cornerstone of all our initiatives, if we are to earn member satisfaction and increase member participation.

We have organized and provided our members with 29 networking occasions over the last three years including charter ceremonies, golf events, movie screening, world cup screening, research challenge events and speaker series.

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Engendering member value required that we tailor our speaker series to be more interactive, rather than continue with a teacher-student lecture format, in keeping with the intellectual pursuit and desire of our members. It was also crucial that the topics be relevant both in substance and date, for creating member value. The last six Newsletters bear testimony to our consistent effort and deliberate choice of relevant speaker themes for maximizing member satisfaction and participation.

The Research Challenge (RC) is also an initiative that we can proudly say has become an integral part of the national scene with target companies and universities eager to play the game. We have successfully initiated and hosted the RC over the last three consecutive years. This enabled the winning team of each year to participate in the regionals at Chicago, Prague and Dublin respectively while emblazoning the CFA designation in the local universities and beyond.

The RC initiative has also encouraged member participation; by harnessing the short term availability, commitment and willingness to volunteer, of some. Almost all judges, graders, industry mentors, so far, have come from our member roster and deserve our utmost appreciation for the success of this initiative.

Certain of our not-so-apparent initiatives, though taking as much of our dedication, go unnoticed by members and are worth a mention here. Media, employer, regulator and university outreach programs, all constituents of unperceived member value, are crucial to contextually anchor CFASM in the local investment environment.

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We have been in the media limelight, for all the good reasons in this tenure, and can boast an aggregate of 52 published articles, press releases, interviews, RC and brand campaign based placed advertisements. Excerpts of two of our events even made it to the national television News.

During our tenure, we procured funding and elaborated a full-fledged branding campaign to help bring out the ethical nuances of a CFA charter. We also obtained financial support from the CFAI to be the Pearl Sponsors for the World Finance Conference held in Mauritius this year. This conference co-hosted by the University of Technology, Mauritius and the Polytechnic Institute of Viana do Castelo, Portugal saw the presentation of nearly 200 academic papers.

Apart from the employer outreach initiatives, we have, over the period enabled and accompanied CFAI representatives (both Georges Spentzos, Member CFAI Board of Governors and Gary Baker, CFAI Director EMEA) on 7 regulatory outreach sorties with the likes of the Stock Exchange of Mauritius, Tertiary Education Commission, Financial Services Commission and the Bank of Mauritius. We have also actively participated in the consultations for the FSC Code of Business Conduct, for framework consultations by the National Committee of Corporate Governance and in promoting the FSC Policy Research group with the CFAI network and Research Foundation.

The society website, too, has been revamped. A corner for Corporate Patrons and other employers to upload their job postings, is being envisaged and will soon be a reality.

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We have spared no efforts to cater to the needs of our Candidates. The mock exams run in collaboration with Kaplan every year for the last three years, have become an established feature of candidate exam preparation. We have collaborated with the exam invigilators from British Council and have put in place an exam day outreach event to provide a lunch pack and a listening ear to our candidates.

However, it would be hagiographic, for us to talk about our laurels without mentioning some of our setbacks; for, setbacks require much more effort and time inputs from the MC. We had proposed a new membership class, the Aspirant class for candidates and had got the unanimous approval of our members but to date have not been able to bring this initiative to maturity. We have had umpteen meetings with the Registrar of Associations and believe that we are now in the final stretch. We have a marketing package with benefits and obligations for launching the Aspirant class already in place, which we hope that the new MC will be able to put to good use.

We had planned to intersperse more networking events of a lighter vein (like movie screenings, trekking etc.) to accommodate the wishes of our members but had to often abort due to either a lack of product quality offering or climatic conditions. At least, it is not for lack of trying!!

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After long drawn efforts we have finally managed to have a workshop on “Executive Presence” conducted by the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts, UK in the coming week. We hope that our members would use this to build on their soft social skills and the art of communication in general. We have also the launch of the 4th RC planned for next week. This only goes to show our commitment to the cause of the society till the very last breath of our term.

We, therefore, draw satisfaction from the fact that we are legating a Society well ensconced in the local environment with universities, regulators, employers and the investment industry at large; a more participative membership with a strong sense of belonging to the Society and a financially strong position for continuity of the various initiatives undertaken, if not more.

Thank you all, dear members including MC and Sudha, for your refreshing candour, in your appreciations as well as criticisms, and your unconditional support over the last three years. It has been an honour and privilege to have lead, steered and served you.

Nousher Sait, CFA
President
CFA Society Mauritius.

THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OFFICE BEARERS 2016 - 2017



President

Nousher Sait, CFA

Nousher has been serving on the board of CFASM for 6 years; the first 3 years as advocacy chair and at present as President. Nousher has a multi-disciplinary educational background with a career spanning 25 years. He holds a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) degree from the University of Madras, India; a Master of Science from the University of Petroleum and Minerals, with specialization in Mathematical Modeling and Operations Research and a Master in Business Administration from the University of Warwick, UK.

He is a director and consultant at Circumspect Investment Intl. Consultants Ltd and also serves as director on the Boards of several companies, both locally and abroad.



Secretary

Ved Auckaloo

Ved joined the CFASM in 2010. He holds an M.Sc in Financial Management, a B.Sc. (Hons) in Economics from the University of London, and an LLB (Hons) (University of Northumbria). He has more than 18 years of experience in the financial services sector and had previously worked at the State Bank of Mauritius Ltd.

Currently, he is the Executive Director of Capital Asset Management Ltd (asset under management USD80.0M). The main clients of the latter include Port Louis Fund Ltd and SME Equity Fund Ltd.

THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OFFICE BEARERS 2016 - 2017

Norman Fon Sing, CFA



Treasurer

Norman joined the CFASM Management Committee since December 2012 as the Brand Awareness chair and is currently the Treasurer since January 2014. He holds the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation since 2012 and graduated with a Bachelor (Honours) Science degree with specialization in Actuarial Science from University of Toronto.

Career-wise Norman has over 10 years experience in Corporate Banking and is currently the Head of Corporate Sales at SBM. His previous employers were Wachovia Capital Finance of Canada and Barclays Bank (Mauritius) Ltd

Imrith Ramtohul, CFA, CIPM



Advocacy Chair

Imrith graduated with honours from the University of Cape Town, with a Bachelor of Business Science (Honours) degree. He is a CFA Charterholder, has earned the right to use the Certificate in Investment Performance Measurement (CIPM) designation and is a Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (FCCA).

Imrith is currently the Senior Investment Consultant at Aon Hewitt Ltd (Mauritius), a position he has held since 2012. Prior to Aon Hewitt, Imrith was the Head of Investment at Mauritius Union Group. He also previously worked at the Stock Exchange of Mauritius and at subsidiaries of South African banking groups Rand Merchant Bank and Nedbank. He is an active volunteer with CFA Institute, having served in a variety of capacities since 2006. He was a Member of the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS) Asset Owners Subcommittee between 2012 and 2017. During 2017, he was called by President of the Republic of Mauritius to serve as Assessor on the 'Disposal of Britam Holdings Ltd shares' Commission of Inquiry. He serves on the boards of several companies.

THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OFFICE BEARERS 2016 - 2017



Sazia Khodabacksh, CFA

Sazia has been serving on the management committee of CFA Society Mauritius since October 2015. She is a CFA Charter Holder since 2014, and holds a Bachelors in Economics (Honours) degree from the University of Warwick, England.

Sazia has previously worked as Fund Manager at AfrAsia Capital Management Ltd and in the Investment department of Mauritius Union Assurance Co. Ltd. She is currently an Associate in Corporate Finance at the MCB Capital Markets.

**Education & Asst.
Secretary**










Jessica Ha Shun, CFA

Jessica holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation, a Bachelor degree in Finance from University of Mauritius and is also an ACCA Member.

She has previously worked in the Credit and Corporate Banking department of the State Bank of Mauritius and in the Transaction Advisory Services Department of Ernst & Young. She is presently senior analyst at Trade and Development Bank.

**Membership Chair
& Asst. Treasurer**

The Office Bearer's Participation and Attendance Report

Period covering 19 September 2017 to 21 August 2018									
Board Members	Participation in Management Committee Proceedings								Total Attendance
	103rd	104th	105th	106th	107th	108th	109th	110th	
	19-Sep-17	14-Nov-17	23-Jan-18	13-Mar-18	24-Jan-18	17-Apr-18	26-Jun-18	31-Jul-18	
Nousher Sait, CFA President	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8/8
Vedprakash Auckaloo Secretary	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		7/8
Norman Fon Sing, CFA Treasurer	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	7/8
Imrith Ramtohol, CFA Advocacy Chair	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	7/8
Jessica Ha Shun, CFA Assistant Treasurer & Membership Chair	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	7/8
Sazia Khodabacksh, CFA Assistant Secretary & Education Chair		X		X	X	X		X	5/8

LEGEND:  X Present  Not Present



MISSION & VISION OF CFASM



The mission of CFASM is to lead the development of the Investment Profession.

CFASM realigns itself with the same principles as CFA Institute. We are committed to working with our members and the global investment community to achieve our mission through our five organizational pillars.

ETHICAL CHAMPION

Championing ethical behavior in investment markets.

GLOBAL COMMUNITY

Creating a strong community of investment professionals.

INDUSTRY KNOWLEDGE

Being a respected source of knowledge in investment markets.

PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

Raising standards of professional excellence in the industry.

THE GREATER GOOD

Building an investment industry that serves the interests of investors and society.

MISSION & VISION OF CFASM

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OBJECTS:

- To promote the highest level of professional behaviour and ethical standard and particularly the CFA Institute Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct;
- To promote the CFA Institute Chartered Financial Analysts program; CIPM and Investments Foundation Program;
- To promote a proper public understanding of the Financial Analyst profession;
- To enhance both professional and general knowledge as well as the image of the Investment Professional.

THE CFA INSTITUTE CODE OF ETHICS

I will:

Act with integrity, competence, diligence and respect, and in an ethical manner with the public, clients, prospective clients, employers, employees, colleagues in the investment profession and other participants in the global capital markets;

Place the integrity of the investment profession and interests of clients above my own personal interests;

Use reasonable care and exercise independent professional judgement when conducting investment analysis, making investment recommendations, taking investment actions, and engaging in other professional activities;

Practise and encourage others to practice in a professional and ethical manner that will reflect credit on ourselves and the profession;

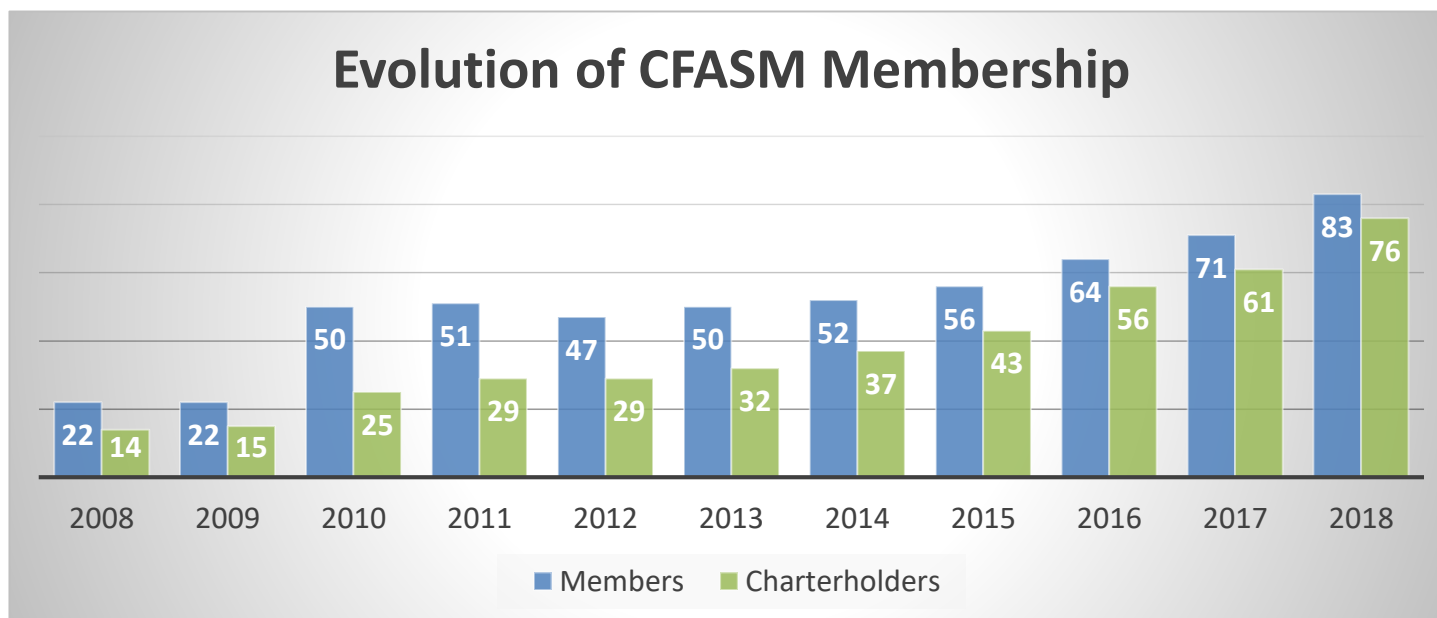
Promote the integrity of, and uphold the rules governing, capital markets,

Maintain and improve my professional competence and strive to maintain and improve the competence of other investment professionals.

MEMBERSHIP

Statistics

The CFA Institute and CFA Society Mauritius membership year runs from 1st July to 30th June. As at June 2018, CFASM had 83 members with 76 of them being charter holders. Chart below illustrates the evolution of our membership from 2008 to 2018.



MEMBERSHIP

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Brand Campaign: Let's Measure Up

In partnership with CFA Institute, CFA Society Mauritius was delighted to showcase the latest brand campaign Let's Measure Up™.

Using a new bright and bolder brand image we believe, is an important step towards encouraging a more ethical, professional and investor-focused investment management profession. The campaign highlighted the following key messages: 'Let's build a better world for investing' and 'Let's make the world of investing as diverse as the one we live in'.

We hope the campaign will continue, with the other key messages like: Let's always put investors' needs above our own, Let's build trust in our industry, Let's deliver real value for the fees we charge and Let's put ethics at the heart of everything we do



MEMBERSHIP

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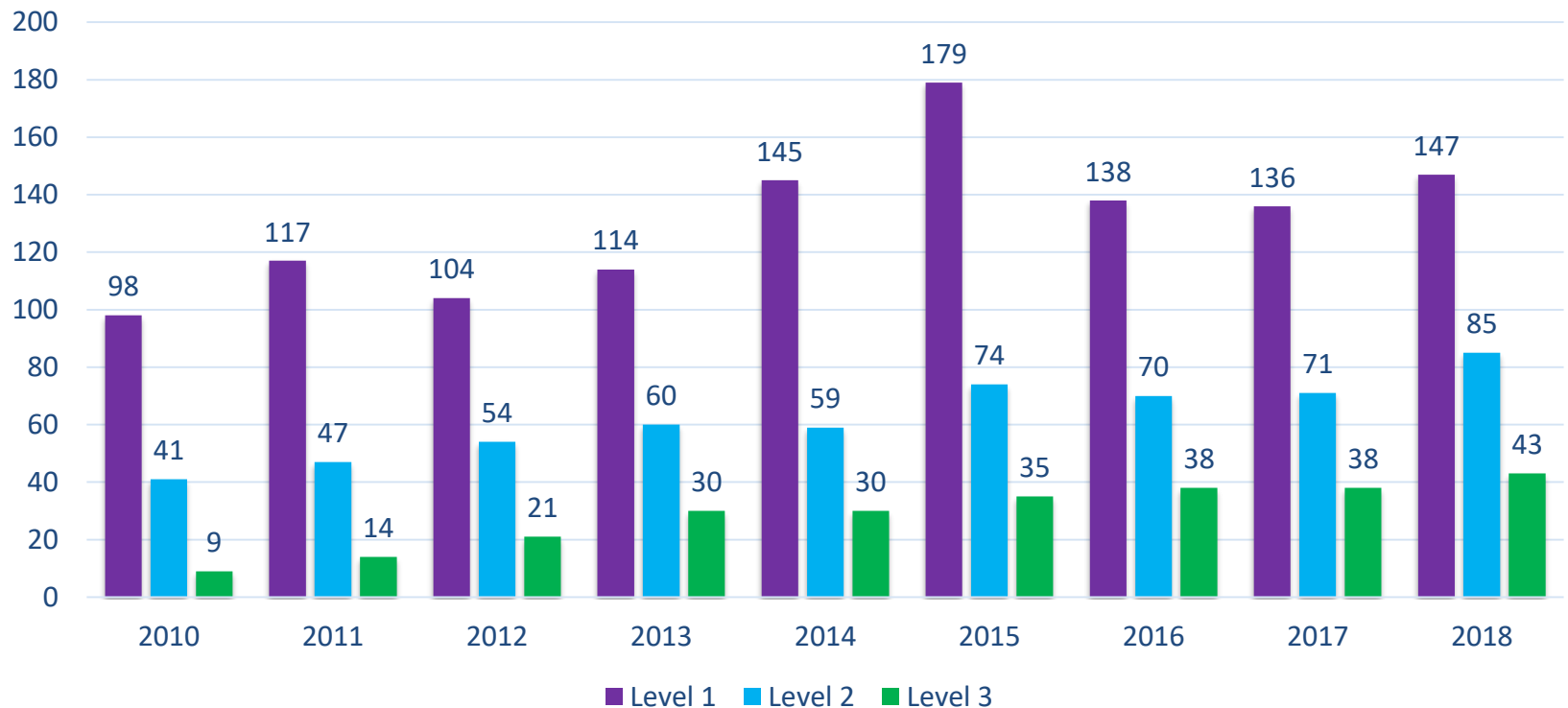
World Finance Conference

CFASM, backed by CFAI, were Pearl Sponsors for the World Finance Conference 2018, hosted jointly with the University of Technology, Mauritius to be held in Mauritius at Le Meridien from 25-27 July 2018. This International conference is currently among the best scientific finance conferences around the world. The aim of this conference is to provide an interdisciplinary forum for academics, industry, professionals and government officials in the financial sector. This event which takes place every year had top international keynote speakers and comprises of a network with over 200 researchers from the finance discipline. The two keynotes speakers were:

- *DAVID CHAMBERS, Reader in Finance and a Keynes Fellow from the Cambridge Judge Business School - University of Cambridge (United Kingdom)*
- *ROBERT FAFF, Professor of Finance and Director of Research at the University of Queensland Business School (Australia)*

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Candidate enrolment for this year as well as the trend, can be seen below:



EDUCATION & TRAINING

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Scholarships

A total of 10 Access Scholarships were awarded to potential candidates sitting for CFA exams in June 2018. Apart from being a needs-based scholarship, an equally relevant criteria focuses on the willingness and motivation to complete the CFA program. This award provides for a full waiver of the enrolment fee and a reduction in the examination fee.

Research Challenge

CFA Society Mauritius participated in the CFAI Research Challenge by organizing its third edition of the local level Research Challenge, which saw the participation of five university teams namely University of Mauritius Teams A & B, University of Technology, Charles Telfair University, and Middlesex University. Their research report was on the subject company Innodis Ltd. Four teams proceeded to the final presentation round which was held in the presence of a panel of industry experts. Each team could count on the support of their faculty adviser and was paired with an Industry Mentor. The kickoff was on the 06th Oct 2017 followed by the Q&A session held on 13th Oct 2017. The finals were held on the 21st of Feb 2018 where the University of Mauritius Team B was declared the winner for the Research Challenge 2017. They then, went on to compete at the EMEA Regional Research Challenge hosted in Dublin, Republic of Ireland.

ADVOCACY

Tertiary Education Commission

Gary Baker accompanied by Nousher Sait and Ved Auckaloo paid a courtesy visit to the TEC in keeping with the Society outreach campaign and to formalize their request that the CFA designation be recognized by public sector bodies as the equivalent of a Master's level degree qualification as it is in UK and other countries. They were received by the Director of the TEC, Sid Nair in the presence of Dr. Vivek Ramnarain. A constructive dialogue has been established and will need to be followed up over the year.

Financial Services Commission (FSC)

Gary's visit was also an occasion for CFASM to renew contact with the FSC. Ved Auckaloo accompanied Gary for the courtesy call and they were both received by Mr. Harvesh Seegoolam at Ebene. Various venues of cooperation and collaboration were discussed along with an overview of the role that FSC is expected to play in its drive for a transparent investor friendly industry. The meeting ended positively with both CFASM and FSC, reiterating their commitment to mutually continue to work for an ethical world class financial center.

Stock Exchange of Mauritius

Mr. Sunil Benimadhu, Chief Executive of SEM updated Gary on the new products being listed on the Mauritian Stock Exchange and how Mauritius could potentially benefit from such listings. Gary highlighted that both CFA Institute and CFASM would continue supporting the local Stock Exchange in its future initiatives. Amongst others, they could assist the Stock Exchange in identifying trainers/speakers for its workshops.

Bank of Mauritius

Gary informed Mr. Vikramdass Punchoo, Second Deputy Governor of BOM, that both CFA Institute and CFASM both would be pleased to assist the Bank in its future projects. He elaborated on the 'Future of Finance' Initiative. It was also agreed that CFA Institute publications could be shared on a regular basis with the BOM.

Media Presence

A constant media presence has been maintained through an array of event press releases, placed articles and paid brand campaign advertising inserts.

- The African Exchanges Issue 2 of October 2017 makes special mention of the support of CFASM in the SEM Young Investor's Award 2017. This was remarked by the other African CFA Societies subscribers to the ASEAN magazine, who intend to emulate within their respective stock exchanges in such initiatives. CFAI has launched a special ASEAN scholarship scheme to further the designation in the region and appreciated the ongoing collaboration for the last 10 years.
- Gary Baker's visit and talk were covered by both the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation which was retransmitted on the Journal Televisé on 10th Dec 2017, as well as Defi Media.
- The 2nd CFASM Invitational Golf Tournament resume was published in the 3rd November 2017 issue of BizWeek.
- The interview of Sebastien Poiret following his talk on Hedge Funds: Myth vs Reality was published on a two-page centerfold in the 1st December 2017 edition of BizWeek. The MBC crew had done a short coverage of the event.
- The Charter Ceremony and End of Year Dinner with Lamees Al Baharna as CFAI representative was diversely covered by Le Mauricien, the News on Sunday as well as in the 8th December edition of Bizweek where the new charter recipients were named and famed.

- As in the past, all the speaker events received free coverage in the local press as follows:
- BizWeek dated 2/2/2018. Interview of Xu Si Tao, Chief Economist and Partner, Deloitte China entitled “There will be Sporadic Trade frictions between China and the US” in tandem with the article covering our event “The Elephant and the Dragon: changing dynamics that effect Asia and beyond”.
- BizWeek dated 23/2/2018: Cover Story of speaker Jeremy O’Friel and article covering our event “Investment Implications of Rising Global Interest Rates”
- L’Express dated 30/3/2018: Article based on “Can we dream of financial independence?” by Imrith Ramtohul
- BizWeek dated 6/4/2018: Article based on our event “The Great Transformation of the Financial Markets” with Takis Niarchos, Senior Wealth Advisor, Sanlam Privat Wealth Mauritius.
- The Research Challenge finalists were named and event covered in the article 24th March issue of BizWeek.
- In line with the brand campaign guidelines, a full page advertisement with photos of the winners and the two runner up teams were placed in L’Express, Le Mauricien and the BizWeek on the 2nd March 2018.

ACTIVITY REPORT

Annual General Meeting (AGM), 15 September 2017

The 17th Annual General Meeting of the Society took place on 15th September 2017 at the Flying Dodo, Bagatelle. Out of 68 regular compliant members with voting rights, 46 were present or voted by proxy. Mention was made of an increase of 11% and 9% increase in the number of members and charter holders respectively and the various milestones achieved during the financial year, such as the successful completion of the 2nd Research Challenge (RC) and the participation of the RC winning team in the regionals. Initiatives such as mock exams for candidates, timely issues of the Bi-annual Newsletter, media presence through event coverage and placed adverts on RC award winners etc. were highlighted as in the past. During the AGM, resolutions were passed relating to changes in the Rules of the CFASM that will allow for the creation of an Aspirant membership class and the possible acquisition of office premises for corporate presence, subject to the approval of members.

EMEA Society Leadership Conference, Jordan, 28 -30 September 2017

The EMEA Society Leadership Conference was held from 28th and 30th September in Jordan. Nousher Sait, Imrith Ramtohul and Sudha Jugroo represented CFASM at this event. The main theme covered was “The Power of Relationships”. The importance of relationship management and its impact on the investment world were highlighted throughout the Conference. Key topics addressed included: Relationships to strengthen Society Brand and Internal Teams, Relationships with Key Audiences, Utilizing Content to Build Relationships and Soft Skills and Governance Training. An African Advocacy Workshop was held prior to the Conference and was attended by Nousher Sait. Several society representatives coming from a number of African countries also participated.

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"The Future State of the Investment Profession", 20 Oct 2017

CFASM organised a presentation on "The Future State of the Investment Profession". The event was held on the 20th October 2017 at Labourdonnais Waterfront Hotel, Port Louis. Our guest speaker was Mr. Gary Baker, CFA who is the Managing Director, EMEA of CFA Institute. Gary spoke of the key megatrends that would impact the investment profession as explained in the CFAI survey and report of the same title as the topic of the day. The possible scenarios discerned in the report would help the investment industry be proactive in the capacity building and reskilling of the work force in line with the future dynamics.

CFASM Golf Invitational Tournament 2017, 28 Oct 2017

A Golf Invitational Tournament was organized at Avalon Golf Estate, Bois Cheri on the 28th of October 2017. It was part of CFASM's outreach program to create awareness of the CFA designation among investment practitioners and the investing public at large. There were 35 participants in the golfer category and 12 in the initiation category, among which there were CFASM Members, Corporate Patrons and a number of investment professionals. The golf event ended with a friendly networking lunch. The winners were as follows: First Prize: Rinsy Ansalam, Second Prize: Herbert De Robillard, Third Prize: Sandeep Jaishankar, Nearest to pin: Rob Davelaar and Longest Drive: Siven Parianen

ACTIVITY REPORT

Hedge Funds Presentation, 28 Nov 2017

On 28th November, we had the pleasure to welcome Mr Sébastien Poiret, Managing Director at Notz Stucki Origins for a presentation on the theme 'Hedge Funds – Myth vs Reality' at Voila Bagatelle. Mr Poiret described the principles of a Hedge Fund, explained the different Hedge Fund strategies and shared his views on why it could be considered in portfolio allocation, especially in the prevailing environment. He also compared the performance of traditional investments v/s hedge funds, and showed why Hedge Funds have outperformed equity markets over the long run with less risk. The event attracted 40 investment professionals from the financial services sector as well as representatives from the local media.

Charter Award Ceremony & Year End Dinner, 1st December 2017

CFASM organized the 2017 Charter Award Ceremony and year dinner at La Pirogue Resort & Spa on the 1st December 2017. The event was preceded with a welcoming cocktail on the lush lawns of the hotel with a turquoise lagoon backdrop. The CFASM members count went to 80 members with 71 charterholders. Our Chief Guest this year was Mrs. Lamees Albaharna, CFA, President's Council Representative of the CFA Institute. On this occasion, she along with the President Nousher Sait seized the opportunity to congratulate the new charterholders; Sorganaden Pillay Appavoo, Terry Cha Sow King, Mohammad Allyhim Damree, Parleshwar Sharma Doorgakant, Simon Jerome Harel, Shakeel Oopuddhye Jankee, Joseph Fabien Jeanne, Roodesh Muttylall, Louis Obiekwe Okechukwu, Koonul Udhai Putty, Ange Gregory Didier Soobaya and Michael Kelvyn Yap San Min and handed them with their CFA Charter and a shield as recognition for their hard work.

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The Elephant and the Dragon: Changing Dynamics that affect Asia and Beyond, 26 January 2018

For the first time on 26th January 2018, CFA Society Mauritius hosted a breakfast talk which was held at Voila Bagatelle by Mr Xu Sitao, Chief Economist and Partner of Deloitte China, leading Deloitte's economic and industry research. The breakfast talk which attracted 40 investment professionals was geared towards the evolution of the China's economic model, the growth outlook for China and India as well as the geopolitics and the relationship between China and India; and the United States.

Investment Implications of Rising Global Interest Rates, 19 February 2018

On 19th February, Mr. Jeremy O'Friel presented on the topic related to the investment implications of rising global interest rates at Voila, Bagatelle. We had 50 attendees. The core of the talk was the impact that rising interest rates could have on asset prices based himself on historical rates over the last 45 years to show that periods of rising rates generally negatively impact equity and bond markets. He also highlighted that in 3,000 years of financial markets, we have never had zero interest rates. Therefore, the concern would be that the impact of rising rates this time around will be exacerbated.

Presentation on the transformation of financial markets, 3 Apr 2018

On 3rd April, Mr Takis Niarchos, Senior Wealth Advisor at Sanlam Private Wealth Mauritius made a presentation on the theme 'The great transformation of the financial markets' at Hennessy Park Hotel where we had 42 attendees. He spoke about the new trends and transformation process in the financial markets and banking industry, as well as new developments in Fintech and other advanced technologies.

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Global Society Leadership Conference, 10 – 12 May 2018

The Global Society Leadership Conference 2018 was held from the 10 to 12 May in Hong Kong. The theme for this year's conference was The Professional Edge. Various workshops and training sessions were held which included: Society Management, Ethics and Professionalism, Communications, Continuing Professional Development, Africa Strategy of the CFA Institute amongst others. It was also an opportunity to meet society leaders from various other societies. The thought-provoking discussions among society leaders on issues like society activities and best practices for running the society were very enriching.

The 71st CFA Institute Annual Conference 13 - 16 May 2018

The 71st CFA Institute Annual Conference was held from the 13th to 16th May 2018 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Hong Kong. The theme this year was the Future of Global Investing and it saw the participation of as many as 2000 delegates from more than 50 countries. The conference schedule was packed with workshops and presentations offering delegates the latest thinking and expert opinions in subjects ranging from Disruptive Financial Technology, Abenomics, ESG investing to Private equity investing, India versus China dynamics, or The Investment Firm of the Future. The keynote presentations included 'Lessons from the Financial Crisis' by Steven Eisman who predicted the 2008 housing crash and whose career was chronicled in the movie 'The Big Short', and 'Thinking, Fast and Slow' by Daniel Kahneman, 2002 Nobel Laureate in Economics Sciences. Delegates also had the chance to enjoy unrivaled networking opportunities. The conference was attended by Sazia Khodabacksh, Ved Auckaloo and Nousher Sait from CFASM Management Committee.

ACTIVITY REPORT

CFA Program Mock Exams, 26 May 2018

CFASM had organized a live mock exam for all three levels on Saturday 26 May 2018. The mock exam was prepared in collaboration with Kaplan Schweser at the Middlesex University Campus in Flic en Flac. Some 24 candidates in all registered for the mock exams. The idea was to provide the candidates an opportunity to test their readiness in an exam-like environment. This initiative was started a few years ago.

Institute of Directors: Governance Workshop Paris, 4-5 June 2018

CFA Institute organised the Institute of Directors: Governance Workshop in Paris 4th and 5th June 2018. CFA Society Mauritius was represented by Norman Fon Sing and Jessica Ha Shun. The workshop was delivered by Paul Munden, an experienced commercial law barrister and Chartered Director. It covered the roles and responsibilities of board members, the principal tenets of good corporate governance, importance of strategic visioning at board level and the elements for an effective board meeting. The workshop also emphasised the importance of CFA brand and trademarks and the importance of safekeeping the intellectual property rights of the CFA brand.

Exam Day Outreach, 23 June 2018

The CFA exams was held on the 23rd June 2018 at Trianon Convention Centre. More than 250 candidates sat for the June 2018 exams. As accustomed, each year, CFA Society Mauritius was present during the exams break and served a society sponsored lunch for all the candidates to show support to the candidates.

ACTIVITY REPORT

World Cup Live Screening, 27 June 2018

During this World Cup festivities, CFASM organized a live screening on the 27 June at Strikecity Bagatelle for its members and guests for the match of Korea Republic vs Germany. The event was welcomed by the members who appreciated the networking and socialising side of it. Members had fun participating in the prognostic game and we had some winners. Our winners were Warren Merite (Half time & Full time score), Christopher Li (Half time Score), Vishen Appavoo (Half time score), Randhir Mannick (Half time score), Jhoomuck Voneetsingh (Half time score) and Sanju Naregadu (Half time score) won. They were awarded with some goodies from CFASM.

SEMYIA (Stock Exchange of Mauritius Young Investors Award)

CFASM sponsored the SEMYIA Best Report 2018 Award and the President presented the winning team (Royal College of Curepipe) with a newly designed trophy.



MANAGING COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Managing Committee of CFASM is responsible for the integrity of the audited financial statements of the Association and the objectivity of the other items of information presented in these statements:

The MC confirms that, in preparing the audited financial statements, it has:

- Selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently;
- Made judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Kept proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time that the financial position of the Company;
- Safeguarded the assets of the Company by maintaining internal accounting and administrative control systems and procedures; and
- Taken reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

MANAGING COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

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SOCIETY FUNDING

The CFA Institute introduced a new funding model for FY2015 based on the Society's membership register as well as the number of candidates enrolled in the CFAI Programs. As before, there is an assessment linkage between the attainment of the SMSS metrics and society funding.

Several other support fundings for specific projects of strategic significance at local, regional or global level are also made available to the Societies. Applications for such funding is evaluated by a panel at CFAI for relevance.

CFASM had applied and got a funding of \$2000 under Brand Awareness with respect to the Pearl Sponsorship in the World Finance Conference (WFC) in FY 2018. A further \$3000 were applied for and made available in July 2018 for procuring gifts and giveaways for the WFC. *The Society had also received \$5750 under the Research Challenge category for FY2018 and will be benefiting from the same for FY2019 as well.*

DONATIONS

CFASM did not make any donations in this financial year.

MANAGING COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

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MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS

No management agreement has been entered into by the Association.

SPONSORSHIP

- CFASM sponsored the Best Research report of SEM Young Investors Award in this financial year.
- CFASM were the pearl sponsors of World Finance Conference.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The audited financial statements of the Association which appear on Page 37 were approved by the Managing Committee on 31st July 2018.



FINANCIALS



CFA Society Mauritius

Audited Financial Statements

For the financial year ended June 30, 2018



AUDITORS' REPORT



We have audited the accompanying Statement of Financial Position of CFA Society Mauritius (the “Society”) as at 30 June 2018 and the related statement of Income and Expenditure for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Society’s Managing Committee. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with applicable standards on auditing which require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. An audit includes, examining on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the Managing Committee, as well as evaluating the overall financial statements presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

AUDITORS' REPORT

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In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Society as at 30 June 2018, and of its financial performance for the year then ended.

KINGSTON MARKS

Chartered Certified Accountants

3 Leoville L'Homme Street

Port Louis

Mauritius.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

CFA SOCIETY MAURITIUS STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2018

	Note	2018 Rs	2017 Rs
ASSETS			
Non-current assets		—	—
Current assets			
Inventories		65,355	71,046
Trade and other receivables	3	52,910	108,817
Cash and cash equivalents	4	4,108,458	4,068,840
		4,226,723	4,248,703
Total Assets		Rs 4,226,723	4,248,703
ACCUMULATED FUND AND LIABILITIES			
Accumulated fund			
At 01 July 2017		4,095,138	3,462,081
Surplus of income over expenditure		32,195	633,057
At 30 June 2018		4,127,333	4,095,138
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	5	99,390	153,565
		99,390	153,565
Total accumulated fund and liabilities		Rs 4,226,723	4,248,703

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

CFA SOCIETY MAURITIUS STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

	Note	2018 Rs	2017 Rs
Income			
Corporate sponsorship		640,000	560,000
Income from functions		40,500	40,500
Grant from CFA Institute	6	1,049,188	1,212,891
Interest received		75,889	114,963
Gain on exchange		9,786	-
Other Income		3,000	14,250
		<u>1,818,363</u>	<u>1,942,604</u>
Expenditure			
Annual General Meeting expenses		22,800	31,500
Functions		1,060,808	554,008
Office administration expenses		531,399	473,008
Advertising		148,2146	211,566
Audit fees		13,800	13,800
Bank charges		9,147	9,225
Loss on exchange		-	16,440
		<u>1,786,168</u>	<u>1,309,547</u>
Surplus of income over expenditure		Rs 32,195	633,057

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 30 JUNE 2018

1. General information

CFA Society Mauritius (the “Society”) is an association registered under the Registration of Associations Act 1075. The seat of the Society is at 8 Avenue Dr Ross, Quatre Bornes. The main object of the Society is to promote the highest level of professional behavior and ethical standard and particularly the CFA Institute Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct

2. Basis of preparation and accounting policies

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the *International Financial Reporting Standard* issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. They are presented in the Mauritian rupees, the currency units of Mauritius.

Revenue recognition

(i) Membership subscriptions are recognized on an accrual basis net of discount.

(ii) Interest income

Interest income is recognised on a time-proportion basis using the effective interest method.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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3. Trade and other receivables

	2018 Rs	2017 Rs
Membership fees in arrears	42,886	22,736
Interest receivable	10,024	86,081
Other receivables	-	-
Rs	----- 52,910	----- 108,817

4. Cash and cash equivalents

Term deposits	-	-
Savings account	3,986,650	1,761,233
Current account	121,808	2,307,607
Rs	----- 4,108,458	----- 4,068,840

5. Trade and other payables

CFA Institute grant received in advance	-	-
Other payables	99,390	153,565
Rs	----- 99,390	----- 153,565

6. Grant from CFA Institute

Membership subscriptions	121,409	69,568
Operational fund	727,449	683,801
Growth fund	200,332	459,522
Rs	----- 1,049,180	----- 1,212,891

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Notice is hereby given that the eighteenth Annual General Meeting of CFA Society Mauritius (CFASM) will be held on Tuesday 11th September 2018 at Hennessy Park Hotel, Ebene at 18h00 to transact the following business:

18h00 - Annual General Meeting (AGM)

1. Reading and Approval of minutes of last AGM
2. President's Report for the year ending 30th June 2018
3. Presentation and Approval of Accounts for the year ended 30th June 2018
4. Presentation and Approval of Estimates of Expenditure
5. Appointment of the Auditor
6. Election of members of the Managing Committee

Members are requested to either confirm their presence or send in their duly completed and signed Proxy forms to the Secretary via email (secretary@mauritius.cfasociety.org) at the latest by Sunday 9th September 2018 (16h00). Please note that Proxy forms which are incomplete, unsigned or received after the given date and time will not be effective.

Members wishing to stand as candidates for a seat on the Managing Committee are requested to fill in, sign and send the Application for Candidature form to the Secretary via email before Wednesday 29th August (16h00).

A preliminary list of candidates standing for elections will be circulated on 30th August 2018 and, those of them, wishing to withdraw their candidature will have until 3rd September 2018 (16h00) to do so. On the 4th September 2018, the final list of candidates retained after withdrawals, if any, standing for the elections would be recirculated for your perusal.

Members can request a copy of the rules of CFASM by email from the Secretary.

Proxy forms and Application for Candidature forms will be circulated, along with this notice, via email to all Members but can also be requested from the administration (admin@mauritius.cfasociety.org).

Vedprakash Auckaloo
Secretary
CFA Society Mauritius

23 Aug 2018

PROXY FORM

For eighteenth Annual General Meeting

I _____

being a member of CFA Society Mauritius (“CFASM”) hereby appoint

Mr/ Ms/ Miss _____

as my proxy to vote for me and on my behalf at the eighteenth Annual General Meeting of CFASM to be held on Tuesday 11 September 2018 (18h00) and at any adjournment thereof.

Signature : _____

Name : _____

Date : _____

In order to be effective, completed and signed proxy forms must reach the secretary, Vedprakash Auckaloo via email (secretary@mauritius.cfasociety.org) by Sunday 09 September 2018 (18h00)

CORPORATE PATRONS for FY2017

Our vision of a clean capital market, where ethics and transparency prevail, is an achievable ideology. It is our fortune that we have had the support of Corporate Patrons (logos displayed below) who share and support us in our quest. Together, our mission for a better society goes beyond pecuniary rewards or returns. We wish to thank our Corporate Patrons for their convictions, as well as, their trust and belief in our credo.





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