

# CFA Institute

## OVERVIEW

CFA Institute sets the highest standards of ethics, education, and professional excellence for the investment industry. The organization educates investment professionals using its Global Body of Investment Knowledge™, which covers all aspects of the investment profession, including ethics. Currently, CFA Institute offers two education and credentialing programs: the CFA Program, which confers the Chartered Financial Analyst® (CFA®) designation, and the Certificate in Investment Performance Measurement program, which confers the CIPM® designation.

- CFA Institute has more than 100,000 members in more than 130 countries, 90 percent of whom are CFA charterholders.
- Nearly 30 percent of members are responsible for managing assets of private individuals.
- 50 percent of members work on the buy side.
- CFA Institute relies on its network of 135 Member Societies in 58 countries to serve as industry leaders.
- Our members' varying occupations include portfolio managers, research analysts, chief executives, consultants, investment banking analysts, and relationship managers (Figure 1).
- See Figure 2 for a geographic breakdown of CFA Institute membership.

### Largest Member Occupation Categories

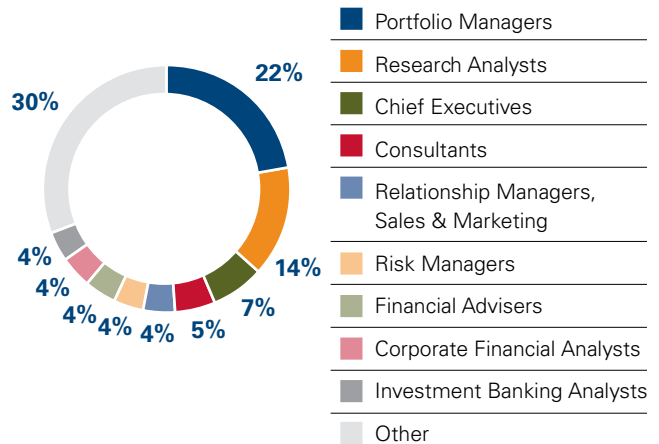


Figure 1

## CFA PROGRAM

The CFA Program is a self-study, graduate-level program that requires candidates to learn and apply investment knowledge. It is recognized globally as the gold standard investment credential.

- Three sequential exams cover ethics, investment tools, asset valuation, portfolio management, and wealth planning (Chart).
- Candidates must complete four years of work experience as an investment practitioner and agree to adhere to a strict code of ethics.
- In our 2010–2011 fiscal year, there were, from 166 countries, more than 200,000 registrations for the CFA Program.

## CERTIFICATE IN INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT (CIPM) PROGRAM

The CIPM program and credential promotes proficiency and best practices in applying analytical techniques and the Global Investment Performance Standards. The program offers the industry's only designation dedicated solely to investment performance evaluation and presentation. The two-level program is based on an online, self-directed curriculum that covers ethical and professional standards; performance measurement, attribution, and appraisal; and the GIPS® standards.

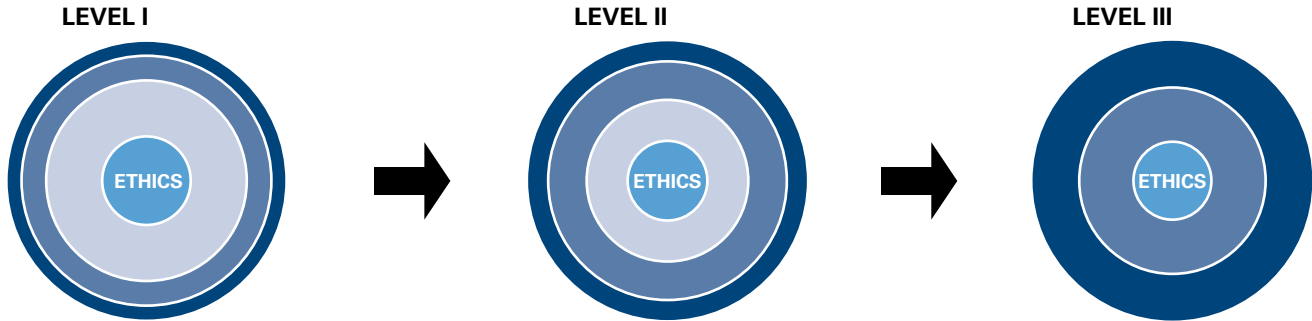
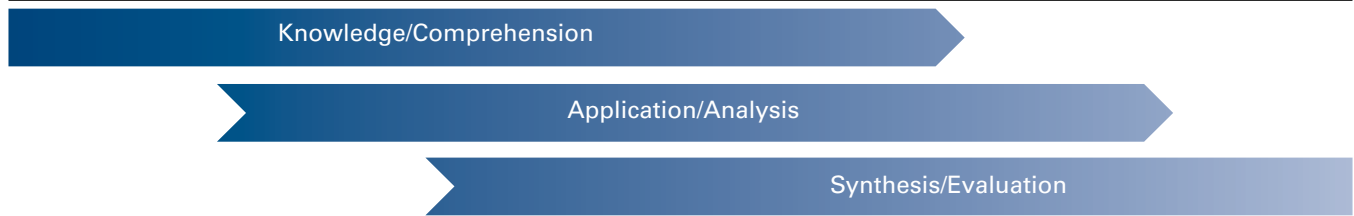
## LIFELONG LEARNING

CFA Institute understands that investment professionals must keep pace with the dynamic nature of the investment industry. Our professional development resources include the following:

- Publications such as *CFA Magazine*, *Financial Analysts Journal*, and the CFA Institute Investment Series books
- Multimedia: podcasts and webcasts
- Educational events: conferences, executive education, and seminars
- Express Education: discussions of the latest trends through book summaries, daily newsbriefs, and topical newsletters
- Career advancement: JobLine database for members and employers, career planning, and career events
- Access to a network of member society programming located across markets worldwide

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**Candidate Body of Knowledge™**



Ethics & Professional Standards	Investment Tools Quantitative Methods Economics Financial Reporting & Analysis Corporate Finance	Asset Classes Equity Investments Fixed Income Derivatives Alternate Investments	Portfolio Management & Wealth Planning
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**Chart** The Candidate Body of Knowledge consists of 10 general topic areas that provide a framework for making investment decisions.

**ETHICS, STANDARDS, AND ADVOCACY**

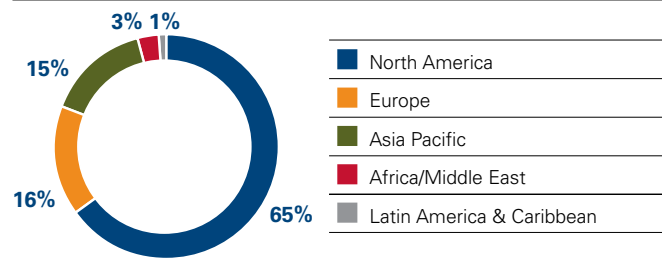
CFA Institute promotes high ethical standards and investor protection through professional codes of conduct, guidance, and our advocacy outreach efforts. In this area CFA Institute:

- Sets and maintains global standards and professional codes of conduct for the investment profession.
- Promotes improved financial reporting so that investors receive clear and consistent information.
- Advocates for integrity in the capital markets through guidance, publications, and outreach to regulators on such issues as corporate governance, hedge fund regulation, and executive compensation.
- Supports investors around the world with ethics workshops, guidance on the stringent CFA Institute Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct, and topical research reports.

**GLOBAL INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE STANDARDS (GIPS)**

CFA Institute promotes fair financial markets through the GIPS standards, a set of formalized, industry-wide ethical principles that help investment firms calculate and report their investment results with greater transparency. CFA Institute also promotes the standards through its Standards and Financial Market Integrity Division and the CIPM program. Organizations in more than 30 countries promote and sponsor GIPS standards.

**Geographic Profile of Members**



**Figure 2**

**LEADERSHIP**

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Data are based on self-reported employment data from CFA Institute members as of August 2011.

