

About us

The Annual Dinner is a flagship event of CFA Society Netherlands that attracts over 200 investment professionals to network and get inspired by renowned speakers over a delightful dinner at a premium location. The Annual Dinner Committee is responsible for selecting the theme, inviting speakers and the moderator and hosting the speakers in agreement with CFA Society Netherlands. The theme usually aligns with relevant and actual macro-economic or political themes that are of broad interest to the investment community in the Netherlands. The Annual Dinner traditionally takes place in Autumn, preferably the last weeks of September. The committee works closely together with the management of CFA Society Netherlands, which is responsible for the events management, sponsoring and the budget.

Our mission is to organise with consistency a high quality, memorable evening. We aim to share relevant insight on current affairs with CFA Society Netherlands members and other participants and offer them a diverse and approachable network event with the investment community.

Preparations for the Annual Dinner start in the Autumn of the previous year. In March, marketing and sponsoring for the event starts and the theme, speakers and moderators are confirmed. In the runup to the conference, we liaise with speakers and the moderator to streamline the content and we host the speakers at the event itself.

What do we expect from members?

Participation in the committee is open to any member of CFA Society Netherlands. We seek individuals from diverse backgrounds, for instance diversity by occupational sectors and gender diversity. Diversity and inclusion is important to us. We prefer individuals with a broad network who are willing to commit 1 to 2 hours per week during peak activity in January and February and of course several hours per week in the weeks running up to the event and during the event. We ask members to commit for several years, to institutionalize knowledge and experience so that the Annual Dinner is consistently of high quality. The Chair of the committee is responsible for liaising with the management of CFA Society Netherlands regarding the event management and organising committee meetings.

Committee guidelines

The committee has set guidelines around its composition. We strive for 3 to 4 members. After the Annual Dinner in October, the committee meets to reflect on last event and ensure lessons learned are followed up. We then evaluate which existing members wish to terminate their position, how many new members to recruit and appoint a chair for the coming year. Also, these guidelines are reviewed and amended if necessary.

New members are recruited via the usual CFA Society Netherlands channels (social media, website, magazine etc.). There is no term, but if there have not been any changes in the committee for three years a mutual understanding will be sought about the exit of one or more members to ensure a diverse and inclusive environment for all CFA Society Netherlands members, and a fresh approach in organising the Annual Dinner. Membership of the committee is on personal account.

John Kuijt, Evelien Van Hilten, Cees Harm van den Berg, Richard Sanders (Chair)

