

VBA Journal Editorial Board Seeks New Members Join Our Team

The VBA Journal

The VBA Journal has been published since 1985 and celebrated its 150th edition in 2022. The Journal is published four times a year in hard copy by CFA Society Netherlands and distributed to over 2,100 members. In addition, all articles published in the VBA Journal can be viewed online for free in the digital archive via the CFA website.

The purpose of the VBA Journal is to publish new insights and developments by and for Dutch investment professionals, and to make the Dutch voice heard within the global CFA Institute, including in areas of expertise where the Netherlands is a leader. Each issue of the Journal focuses on a theme, with the aim of deepening financial and economic developments from different angles. Theme issues are supplemented with other topical contributions, columns, and summaries of books and theses. Contributions to the VBA Journal are generally written by and for professionals in Dutch or English.

The Editorial Board

The VBA Journal Editorial Board currently consists of ten members and meets online eight times a year. In addition, we strive to meet informally twice a year at a physical location. During the editorial meeting, the progress of the current issue is discussed, preparations for the next issue (quantity and quality of submissions), and brainstorming sessions are held on the theme for the issue that will appear three-quarters of a year later. Each issue is coordinated by three editorial board members. These members prepare the 'call for papers' based on the brainstorming session during the editorial meeting. This 'call for papers' announces the theme for a later issue and invites interested parties to contact the association's secretariat to submit a contribution. In addition, the editorial board is working hard to develop plans for the future, looking at the role of social media, digitization, and trends within the profession. The work of the coordinators consists mainly of maintaining contact with and guiding authors, assessing and reviewing received submissions, involving a second and possibly third editorial colleague to proofread the submission, and writing a foreword.

The time commitment is approximately 40-60 hours per year, consisting of attending meetings, reviewing articles, and coordinating one issue per year. The work of the editorial board members is unpaid, but provides a lot of intrinsic added value for the editorial board members:

- **Network:** Expansion of a network of knowledge and investment experts within and outside the Netherlands
- **Investment knowledge:** Broadening and deepening knowledge of the themes, including recent developments in the investment world
- **Skills:** Further improvement of formulating, writing and presenting research for the VBA readership by learning from others.
- **Guidance where needed by senior editors**

Vacancy

The editorial board is looking for three new members to join the board. A fresh look at new investment markets and instruments helps to identify and interpret the continuous changes in the investment world for members of CFA Society Netherlands.

Interested parties must at least:

- Have a connection to the financial world from a practical and/or scientific point of view,
- Have an affinity for writing or reviewing (semi) academic and opinion pieces,
- Have some degree of creativity, organizational skills and communication skills, and
- Enjoy working in a team with people from diverse backgrounds.

Procedure

Interested parties can register with Irma Willemsen (Irma.Willemsen@cfasociety.nl). After registration, there will be an introductory meeting and attendance at an editorial meeting, after which the decision will be made to become a member of the editorial board.