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An Introduction to Funds and ETFs

Course No 101

Open-ended funds and Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) have become a very popular, cost effective and efficient way for investors to build diversified portfolios. Funds are widely used by investors and include a wide variety of assets, such as bonds, equities, real estate and commodities. This course will focus primarily on the different types of funds available to investors ranging from Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs), to open-ended and closed-ended funds. The course will contrast ETFs versus traditional funds, differentiate between active and passive management, explain the prospectus, expense ratios and other key points.

Sample Topics Covered:

What are funds and fund terminology

The Sharpe Ratio and risk adjusted returns

Comparing open-ended versus closed-ended funds

What is the NAV and how it is calculated

Discounts, premiums, closed-ended funds and how they work

Characteristics of fund investing

Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs)

Understanding total return, indices and tracking error

What to look out for when purchasing funds

Reading a prospectus and understanding expense ratios

Active versus passive ETFs and smart beta

Index, commodity and currency ETFs

Understanding bond, equity and balanced funds

Leveraged and inverse funds

ETF and fund risks

Managing a portfolio of ETF classes

General Information

Time: 13:30 - 16:00hrs

Venue: Online

Level: Introductory

Schedule

Duration: 7.5 hours

Dates: 21, 22, 25 March
 13, 14, 15 May
 5, 6, 7 November

Target Audience

This course requires attendees to have an understanding of basic financial concepts, and understand the characteristics of bonds and stocks. The general public, students, investors, industry practitioners, lawyers and accountants are invited to attend.

Registration fee: **€100 per participant**

- Full time student (50% discount)
- Senior citizen (50% discount)
- Group booking of 4 or more applicants from the same Organisation (10% discount)

Applications are to be made by clicking the '**apply now**' button and completing the online application process.

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