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An Introduction to the Financial Markets

Course No 100

Participants will learn the basic investing concepts, the many different variations of traditional investments available and which type of investments are most suitable for investors. The course will delve into the history of the capital markets, their role in the economy, the different types of markets, and the activities of exchanges. Participants will also learn about the difference between bonds and equities, their special characteristics and terminology, how they are priced and the risks of owning such investments. Participants will also learn about various investment styles such as value, growth and fund investing, and will be taught how to and why they should take a critical look at all investing options based on sound risk/reward assumptions.

Sample Topics Covered:

How stock markets work, their role and how they benefit an economy

What is a bond, different types of bonds, their characteristics and rights of bond holders

How to manage a portfolio and concepts of diversification

Understanding market capitalisation

What are shares and their different types, such as ordinary and preference shares

What drives the price of equities and bonds

What are market indices

What to consider before investing

Dividend dates, such as ex dividend, record and pay dates

Funds and Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs)

Concept of compounding and the time value of money

Why companies pay dividends

How to build a portfolio over time

Risk and return of bonds versus equity

General Information

Time: 09.00 - 12.00hrs (January, April)
12.30 - 15.30hrs (October)

Venue: Online

Level: Introductory

Schedule

Duration: 9 hours

Dates: 15, 16, 17 January
 15, 16, 17 April
 7, 8, 9 October

Target Audience

This course is an introductory course and requires little to no understanding of financial concepts. 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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