

## MEDIA RELEASE

### CFA Society of Sydney announces Brindha Gunasingham, CFA as President

**Sydney, Australia, September 22, 2009** – CFA Society of Sydney (CFAS) has announced it has elected Brindha Gunasingham, CFA to the role of President of the board. Ms Gunasingham's term begins immediately. She will succeed Olivia Engel, CFA who served as President since August 2007.

CFAS has also announced Richard Brandweiner, CFA has been elected as Vice President.

The President and Vice President of CFAS serve a two-year tenure as the representatives of the society; an association of more than 900 local investment professionals engaged in a wide variety of roles, including portfolio management, security analysis, corporate finance and investment advice. They are volunteer positions, with the holders employed as full-time investment professionals within the Sydney investment community.

CFAS is the local member society of the CFA Institute, the global association of investment professionals, with more than 98,000 members in 135 countries. CFA Institute aims to promote the highest ethical and professional standards within the investment industry.

"On behalf of the entire Board, I'd like to thank Olivia for her valuable contribution and service to the local society over the past two years," said Ms Gunasingham, President of CFAS.

"The CFA Society of Sydney is an important link between local and global investment professionals. I look forward to developing the role. We will continue to focus on delivering high quality continuing education programs and other member services to CFA charter holders in Sydney," Ms Gunasingham added.

Ms Gunasingham earned her CFA charter in 2002 and has been actively been involved with the society since early 2003. She is a speaker on the CFA Institute Global Speaker Retainer Program.

Ms Gunasingham is the Founder and Principal of FitzBiz Investment Analysis & Strategy, an investment and strategic research consultancy providing quantitative analysis and focusing on the alternative assets sector. Prior to this, she held roles at AMP Private Capital, PricewaterhouseCoopers Financial Advisory Services and Macquarie Bank.

CFAS has also announced Christopher Osborne, CFA, Denise Glavincevski, CFA, Chris Thompson, CFA and John Cook, CFA have been appointed to the Board. They join existing board members Brindha Gunasingham, CFA, Richard Brandweiner, CFA, Francois Schmidt, CFA, Olivia Engel, CFA, Julian Morrison, CFA, Robin Balcomb, CFA and John Apthorp, CFA.

Past presidents of CFAS include Mark Lazberger, CFA, currently CEO of Colonial First State Asset Management and Emilio Gonzalez, CFA, currently Group Executive, Global Equities at Perpetual Investments.

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### **About CFA Institute**

CFA Institute is the global association for investment professionals. It administers the CFA and CIPM curriculum and exam programs worldwide; publishes research; conducts professional development programs; and sets voluntary, ethics-based professional and performance-reporting standards for the investment industry. CFA Institute has 98,950 members, who include the world's 87,277 CFA charterholders, in 135 countries and territories, as well as 136 affiliated professional societies in 57 countries and territories. More information may be found at [www.cfainstitute.org](http://www.cfainstitute.org).

### **About CFA Society of Sydney**

CFA Society of Sydney (CFAS) is a member society of CFA Institute. It was established in 1996 and has more than 900 members, of whom 90 percent hold the CFA designation. CFAS is a member-focused organisation, run by a group of dedicated volunteers elected by the members. The society is an association of local investment professionals engaged in a wide variety of roles, including portfolio management, security analysis, corporate finance, and investment advice. CFAS aims to promote the highest ethical and professional standards within the investment industry. It encourages professional development through the CFA program and continuing education; it facilitates the exchange of information and ideas within the local investment community and beyond; and it works to further the recognition of the CFA designation and what it stands for. As one of 135 CFA Institute member societies, it also connects members with a global network of investment professionals. [Visit www.cfas.org.au](http://www.cfas.org.au) for further information.