

Press release

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ICMA Centre MSc graduates to be granted ICMA IFID upon degree completion

The ICMA Centre at Henley Business School, University of Reading is delighted to announce that graduates on seven of its Masters degrees will be granted the well regarded ICMA International Fixed Income and Derivatives (IFID) Certificate upon successful completion of their degree.

Since the establishment of the ICMA Centre in 1991, it has enjoyed the support of the International Capital Market Association (ICMA). Students on the Centre's world renowned MSc International Securities, Investment and Banking have had the opportunity to study the ICMA IFID Certificate programme alongside their degree for many years and now this is being extended to the other MSc degrees. The fact that ICMA will now be granting students who successfully pass their degree the Certificate reflects the recognition that the ICMA Centre's Masters programmes content cover all of the syllabus of this professional qualification.

John Evans, Head of ICMA Executive Education said: *"I believe that the Financial Services Sills Council (FSSC) in the UK in authorising the ICMA Centre at the University of Reading to grant the IFID certificate based on its degree study demonstrates the quality of the IFID certificate and the very high level of its syllabus and assessment. I believe anyone in the financial industry who has not had the chance to take a degree in finance should consider the IFID as a very good alternative."*

The Certificate will be granted to all students who successfully complete their Masters degree including the module *International Securities Markets*, which is included in the following seven Masters Degree courses:

- MSc International Securities, Investment and Banking
- MSc Capital Markets, Regulation and Compliance
- MSc Corporate Finance
- MSc Finance and Real Estate
- MSc Financial Risk Management
- MSc Investment Banking and Islamic Finance
- MSc Investment Management

For full details on the programmes this is applicable to visit
www.icmacentre.ac.uk/undergraduate_and_postgraduate_courses

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Notes for editors:

1. ICMA Centre

The ICMA Centre ('The Business School for Financial Markets') was established in 1991 with funding provided by the International Capital Market Association (ICMA) in Zurich. The Centre is housed in a purpose-built modernist building with state-of-the-art facilities including two dealing rooms using software similar to those found in major investment banks. Due to the great success of the Centre and growing demand for its programmes from a worldwide audience, ICMA has invested a further £5 million expansion to the building which will include an additional 50 seat dealing room, 190 seat lecture theatre as well as new seminar rooms and dedicated research area.

See: www.icmacentre.ac.uk

2. International Capital Market Association (ICMA)

ICMA is the self-regulatory organisation representing the financial institutions active in the international capital market worldwide. ICMA's members are located in some 50 countries across the globe, including all the world's main financial centres, and currently number almost 400 firms.

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