Swiss Finance Institute
SFI Master Classes

About Swiss Finance Institute

The Swiss Finance Institute (SFI) is the national center for fundamental research, doctoral training, knowledge exchange, and continuing education in the fields of banking and finance.

The most valuable asset of any industry is the expertise of its labor force. For Switzerland to maintain its position as a leading financial center, such expertise must continue to grow throughout the financial marketplace. SFI contributes by providing forward–thinking ideas and by connecting key players.

SFI Master Classes

The modern form of continuing education in the financial sector: Exchange knowledge and best practice on frontier topics together with up to 50 experienced bank managers and specialists.

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SFI Master Classes Specification

Focused learning units: Individual Master Classes are 3 to 4 hours long and take place online or in person. They are intensive learning units that require active participation and serve the needs of experienced participants from the banking and finance industries.

Interactivity and engagement: Interactive learning is at the heart of SFI Master Classes. Moving beyond conventional, one–way knowledge transfer, SFI Master Classes embrace knowledge exchange between co–leaders and participants through in–class group activities, engaging discussions, and on–site networking opportunities.

High-quality exchange: Our eight Swiss partner universities form the academic foundation of SFI. Seasoned industry experts and top SFI professors develop, co–lead, and moderate Master Classes, resulting in a balanced combination of academic rigor and practical application.

Free course attendance: Participation is free of charge and strictly limited to employees of institutions affiliated with the Swiss Bankers Association (SBA), as well as to employees of the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority (FINMA) and the Swiss National Bank (SNB). In Geneva and Lausanne, eligibility is extended to employees of institutions affiliated with the Association de Soutien à la Fondation Genève Place Financière (ASFGPF), while in Zurich it also includes employees of institutions affiliated with the Zürcher Bankenverband (ZBV).

SFI Master Classes are recognized as four–hour SAQ recertification measures.

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Upcoming SFI Master Classes in 2027 - 1/2

Status as of 31.10.2026

Date	Time	SFI Professor	Industry Expert(s)	Topics/Title	To register	Venue	Language
Friday, 15.01.2027	13:00-17:00	Zacharias Sautner	Andreas Döpfert Melanie Beyeler	**Biodiversity & Nature Risks** 1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 6 / A	click here	Geneva	English
Tuesday, 19.01.2027	13:00-16:00	Olivier Scaillet	Alain Beuchat Beat Schaer	**Managing Cyber Vulnerabilities in the Financial Industry** 1; 2; 3; 5; 6 / A & B	click here	Online	English
Thursday, 21.01.2027	13:00-17:00	Amit Goyal	François-Serge Lhabitant	**Opportunities in Hedge Funds: Institutional Investor Strategies** 1; 2; 5 / A	click here	Geneva	English
Thursday, 28.01.2027	13:00-17:00	Pierre Collin-Dufresne	Cyril Levy-Marchal	**Tail Risk Management for Portfolios** 1; 2 / A	click here	Zurich	English
Wednesday, 03.02.2027	13:00-17:00	Semyon Malamud	Christophe Makni	**Agentic Artificial Intelligence in Finance: Simple Ideas, Big Impact** 1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 6 / A & B	click here	Zurich	English
Thursday, 04.02.2027	13:00-16:00	Rüdiger Fahlenbrach	Markus Benzler	**Private Equity** 1; 5 / A	click here	Online	English
Thursday, 25.02.2027	13:00-17:00	Pascal Gantenbein	Urs Bischof	**Risiken im Fokus: Strategisches Risikomanagement für Schweizer Inlandbanken** 1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 6 / A	click here	Bern	German
Monday, 01.03.2027	13:00-16:00	Philippe Bacchetta	Barbara Rudolf	**Monetary Policy with Low Real Interest Rates: Implications and Prospects** 1; 2; 3; 5; 6 / A	click here	Online	English
Tuesday, 09.03.2027	13:00-16:00	Kjell G. Nyborg	Anastassios Frangulidis	**Central Bank Policy Scenarios and their Impact on Asset Classes** 1; 2; 3; 5; 6 / A	click here	Online	English
Wednesday, 10.03.2027	13:00-17:00	Andreas Fuster	Mike Hofmann	**Banken im Wandel: Analog, Digital, Offen** 1; 2; 3; 5; 6 / A	click here	Zurich	German
Friday, 19.03.2027	13:00-17:00	Erwan Morellec	Aude Tinguely	**Evaluation et Financement des PMEs** 5; 6 / A	click here	Lausanne	French
Monday, 05.04.2027	13:00-17:00	Roland Füss	Rolf Frey	**Investments in Indirekte Immobilienanlagen** 1; 2; 3; 5; 6 / A	click here	Zurich	German
Tuesday, 13.04.2027	13:00-17:00	Josef Teichmann	Bastian Bergmann	**Large Language Models and Their Impact on the Finance Industry** 1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 6 / A & B	click here	Zurich	English
Thursday, 15.04.2027	13:00-17:00	Pierre Collin-Dufresne	Delia Pirnog Günter Schwarz	**Risk Management Using Factor Models** 1; 2 / A	click here	Zurich	English
Thursday, 13.05.2027	13:00-16:00	Francesco Franzoni	Francesco Mandalà	**Fund Selection: Blending Quantitative and Qualitative Factors** 1; 2; 3; 5; 6 / A	click here	Online	English
Wednesday, 19.05.2027	13:00-17:00	Roland Füss	Stefan Fahrländer	**Immobilienökonomie und -finanzierung** 1; 2; 3; 5; 6 / A	click here	Bern	German
Friday, 21.05.2027	13:00-17:00	Alberto Plazzi	Sara Carnazzi Weber	**Il Mattone Svizzero: Le chiavi di lettura del mercato immobiliare** 1; 2; 3; 5; 6 / A	click here	Lugano	Italian
Friday, 04.06.2027	13:00-17:00	Erwan Morellec	Julian Aschwanden Alexander Spiak Camille Fellay	**Structuring and Syndicating Corporate Loans: bridging theory and practice** 1; 2; 5; 6 / A	click here	Zurich	English
Thursday, 10.06.2027	13:00-17:00	Fabian Schär	Amandeep Reholn	**Blockchain Technology in Finance** 1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 6 / A	click here	Zurich	English

Information for SAQ Certificate holders:

- SAQ profiles: 1: CWMA; 2: Affluent; 3: CICA; 4: PC; 5: CCoB; 6: SME
- SAQ aspects: A: Industry Knowledge; B: Conduct

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Wednesday, 01.09.2027	13:00-17:00	Rüdiger Fahlenbrach	Markus Benzler	**Private Equity – Grundlagen, Trends und Herausforderungen** 1; 5 / A	click here	Zurich	German
Friday, 03.09.2027	13:00-17:00	Zacharias Sautner	Andreas Döpfert Melanie Beyeler	**Biodiversity & Nature Risks** 1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 6 / A	click here	Lugano	English
Tuesday, 07.09.2027	13:00-16:00	Kjell G. Nyborg	Anastassios Frangulidis	**Central Bank Policy Scenarios and their Impact on Asset Classes** 1; 2; 3; 5; 6 / A	click here	Online	English
Tuesday, 14.09.2027	13:00-17:00	Andreas Fuster	Mike Hofmann	**Banken im Wandel: Analog, Digital, Offen** 1; 2; 3; 5; 6 / A	click here	Bern	German
Wednesday, 15.09.2027	13:00-17:00	Semyon Malamud	Christophe Makni	**Agentic Artificial Intelligence in Finance: Simple Ideas, Big Impact** 1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 6 / A & B	click here	Lausanne	English
Thursday, 16.09.2027	13:00-17:00	Laurent Frésard	Guido Bolliger	**Impact Investing** 1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 6 / A & B	click here	Geneva	French
Thursday, 23.09.2027	13:00-17:00	Alexander F. Wagner	Sasha Cisar	**Natural Capital: Opportunities and Challenges for Swiss Banks** 1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 6 / A & B	click here	Zurich	English
Thursday, 07.10.2027	13:00-17:00	Steven Ongena	Andreas Koester	**Human and Artificial Intelligence in Banking** 1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 6 / A	click here	Zurich	English
Tuesday, 02.11.2027	13:00-16:00	Olivier Scaillet	Alain Beuchat Beat Schaer	**Managing Cyber Vulnerabilities in the Financial Industry** 1; 2; 3; 5; 6 / A & B	click here	Online	English
Friday, 26.11.2027	13:00-17:00	Francesco Franzoni	Francesco Mandalà	**Selezione dei fondi: Una miscela di fattori quantitativi e qualitativi** 1; 2; 3; 5; 6 / A	click here	Lugano	Italian

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