Developments at SAIFM

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SAIFM is playing an increasingly important role in facilitating and promoting careers in the financial markets and financial services sector. Companies active in this field increasingly make use of SAIFM's advertising services to target qualified persons for positions such as traders, financial advisers and intermediaries, asset managers, risk specialists, compliance specialists and settlement specialists.

As part of this initiative to connect companies and talented financial market practitioners, SAIFM regularly features articles in the Journal that explain the job characteristics and prerequisites of particular career paths in the financial services sector. It also informs candidates of the wide variety of careers that may be followed, regardless of the temperament or talents of a particular individual. If you are interested in the financial services and markets, there will be a career that will suit you whether you like the excitement and high stakes of trading or perhaps a more sedate role as an analyst or perhaps compliance or settlement.

Articles in the previous editions introduced newcomers to the market with the following careers:

- Commodity trader
- Compliance officer
- Economist
- Financial planner

This edition features articles about the following careers:

- Non-executive director
- Corporate treasurer
- Settlement specialist

This ensures that candidates obtain the correct information before starting a career instead of having mid-career switches which may be detrimental to the individual concerned as well as his or her company. It is also an invaluable source of information for matriculants and graduates embarking on a career in the financial markets.

In line with SAIFM's objectives of promoting professionalism in the financial markets, SAIFM offers regular workshops on a variety of financial markets topics.

One and Two Day Workshops held over the past six months:

Topic	Presenter	Place	Date
Financial Instruments	André Kurten	Johannesburg	15 and 16 October 2013

Financial Instruments	André Kurten	Johannesburg	28 and 29 January 2014
Financial Instruments - In-house	André Kurten	Johannesburg	30 and 31 January 2014
Financial Instruments	André Kurten	Johannesburg	6 and 7 March 2014
Derivatives Markets Explained	André Kurten	Johannesburg	24 and 25 March 2014
Financial Instruments	André Kurten	Cape Town	26 and 27 March 2014
An Introduction to Strate and settlement in a Strate environment	Abigale Du Sart	Johannesburg	10 April 2014
Financial Instruments- In-house	André Kurten	Durban	14 and 15 April 2014

Further workshops planned for the next few months include:

Topic	Presenter	Place	Date
Derivatives Markets Explained	André Kurten	Johannesburg	5 and 6 June 2014
Financial Instruments - In-house	André Kurten	Cape Town	17 and 18 June 2014
Financial Instruments - In-house	André Kurten	Johannesburg	19 and 20 June 2014
Financial Instruments	André Kurten	Johannesburg	8 and 9 July 2014
Financial Instruments	André Kurten	Cape Town	10 and 11 July 2014

Should you be interested in attending one of our workshops or, if you would like us to arrange an in-house workshop for you please contact Melissa Joao, who will gladly assist you.

- Since the last edition, the following modules were updated and became available from:
- Agricultural Products Market Dealers Exam (December 2013)
- The Bond Market (February 2014)
- The Derivatives Market (January 2014)
- The Forex Market (March 2014)