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STIRLING BECOMES FIRST SCOTTISH UNIVERSITY TO JOIN ELITE GLOBAL GROUP OF CFA INSTITUTE PROGRAM PARTNERS

The global membership organisation that awards the prestigious Chartered Financial Analyst® designation, CFA Institute, has named the University of Stirling as a program partner – making it the first institution in Scotland to receive this prestigious accolade, and one of a select group of partner institutions worldwide.

The University of Stirling won CFA Institute's recognition for the industry relevant training provided by its Master's in Investment Analysis. The well-established and internationally recognised one year programme covers 70% of the CFA Program syllabus and equips professionals with the knowledge needed to work in the field.

Nitin Mehta, Managing Director CFA Institute (EMEA), said: "Stirling is our first Program Partner in Scotland and supports CFA Institute's strategy to work with the leading academic institutions around the world. Combining the MSc in Investment Analysis course with the CFA Program provides successful students with a great advantage. Not only will it provide a comprehensive understanding of the investment industry and finance but also give students a great asset with which to market themselves to employers. The partnership is a great example of combining the very best in academic and professional education."

The MSc in Investment Analysis is delivered by the University's five-rated Department of Accounting and Finance (Research Assessment Exercise ranking). As the oldest-established Master's programme in the field of

investment management education in the UK, the course has been an attractive option for postgraduate students since its inception in 1989 and has produced many graduates who now occupy key positions in the investment management profession and related fields. Sixty-one students from around the globe are currently enrolled on the programme.

MSc in Investment Analysis Programme Director, Dr Kevin Campbell, said: “We are very pleased to have been selected as a CFA Program Partner. This recognition by the CFA Institute sends a clear message to potential students and employers that our MSc in Investment Analysis provides an education that is professionally relevant, cutting edge and internationally respected.”

To mark the partnership a formal signing ceremony will take place at the University of Stirling today (Monday 19 November).

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Notes to Editors:

1. The University of Stirling is a research-led institution that has a strong history of innovation and excellence. The University is celebrating its 40th Anniversary in 2007 and currently has 9,440 students, of whom 7,330 are undergraduates and 2,110 are postgraduates. For further information see: www.stir.ac.uk

2. The University of Stirling's MSc in Investment Analysis is a one-year, full-time masters level qualification, based on eight modules taught over two 15-week semesters and a supervised dissertation in the final period. For further details of the programme please see:

<http://www.accountingandfinance.stir.ac.uk/apps-postgrad/msc-invest/index.php>

3. CFA Institute is the global, not-for-profit professional association that administers the Chartered Financial Analyst[®] (CFA[®]) and Certificate in Investment Performance Measurement[™] (CIPM[™]) curriculum and exams 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 more than 96,000 members, who include the world's 79,000 CFA charterholders, in 129 countries and territories, as well as 134 affiliated professional societies in 56 countries and territories. In 2007, CFA Institute celebrates the [60th anniversary](#) of "the founding of a profession." CFA Institute has offices in Charlottesville, Va., London, Hong Kong, and New York. More information may be found at www.cfainstitute.org. (Bloomberg users can find CFA Institute at 497458Z).

4. The CFA Program sets a globally recognised standard for developing the skills and standards, competence and integrity of financial analysts, portfolio managers and investment advisers worldwide. It is widely considered the investment profession's most rigorous credentialing program and has been referred to as a "gold standard" by The Economist and Financial Times. Administered in English, the CFA curriculum and examinations are identical worldwide. Only one in five candidates who begins the rigorous programme successfully completes it and goes on to become a CFA Institute charter holder.