

## **Who can join AFME?**

Membership is open to participants in the wholesale financial markets.

## **Can individuals join?**

No - only corporations, partnerships, and other commercial entities are eligible for AFME membership. However as the membership is on a corporate not individual basis it means that if a firm is a member then every single representative of that firm is a member.

## **How do I become a member?**

Download our Membership Application Form from [www.afme.eu](http://www.afme.eu). Complete it and then email it to [membership@afme.co.uk](mailto:membership@afme.co.uk) or post it to: AFME Membership, Level 10, 20 Churchill Place, London E14 5HJ. Applications are reviewed for eligibility and approved by the Executive Committee and Board.

## **What are the membership criteria?**

AFME has two categories of membership - full and associate. To be eligible for full membership, your firm must be a financial institution such as a bank, corporate finance advisor, or other financial institution deemed appropriate by the AFME Board. All others are eligible for associate membership.

Associate members include law firms, accounting firms, rating agencies, issuers, stock exchanges, trustees, data and service providers and investors. Associate members also include premium associate members. These are technology providers and consultancies who have significant technical expertise and thought leadership within capital markets, with operations or experience across global financial markets and business interest in capital markets that are complimentary to those of AFME full members.

## **What is the difference between Full and Associate membership?**

Full members can participate in the full range of AFME activities. Associate members tend to have narrower or more focused interests, and are eligible to participate in the High Yield and Securitisation divisions plus other selected division working groups by invitation. Premium associate members have selected access to the Technology & Operations divisions in addition to the High Yield and Securitisation divisions.

**How are subsidiaries of and business lines within the parent company of a member treated?**

A subsidiary that meets the criteria for full membership if it were a separate entity will be eligible to participate under the parent company's full membership; while those that do not meet the criteria are invited to apply to become associate members.

**What are your subscription rates?**

Our subscription rates begin at £7,500 *per annum* but vary according to the membership category (full or associate or premium associate), the size of your firm, the scope of its operations, and the level of participation. We would be happy to provide you with a quote on the telephone or upon completion of a written application. The application form can be downloaded from our website.

**Are subscription rates negotiable?**

Subscription rates are set by the AFME Board and are non-negotiable.

**What is your membership year?**

Our membership year runs from 1 November until 31 October. A pro-rata rate will apply if you join mid-year.

**Can I cancel my membership?**

Membership can be cancelled by giving us six months' written notice. Subscriptions are not refundable.

**How do I renew my membership?**

Each October a letter will be sent to the relevant contact in your firm along with a subscription invoice advising that the membership is coming up for renewal. If your company wish to remain a member simply arrange for payment. Alternatively, if you wish to cancel your subscription please contact AFME by email or letter to inform us of your decision not to renew by giving six months' written notice.

**Will you post my publications on your website or distribute them to members?**

Our main objective is to serve as a unified industry voice. Consequently, we rarely distribute materials that come from individual members. We occasionally make exceptions to this policy for material that furthers the objectives of the association. We encourage you to contact us if you would like

us to consider posting (or linking to) something that would be of interest to our members.

**Will AFME endorse products and services of full or associate members?**

AFME does not endorse member products or services.

**Will I be able to appear as a speaker at conferences and events?**

Our primary objective is to ensure we have the most qualified speakers to cover topics at our conferences. Our members are among the best-informed in their areas of expertise so we do frequently use them on panels and for presentations. If you are interested in speaking at a conference or appearing on a panel, please contact the head of the particular division or our conference department about upcoming events. Visit the events section on [www.afme.eu](http://www.afme.eu) to find out what we have planned.

**What is the Global Financial Markets Association (GFMA)?**

The GFMA unifies regional perspectives into a global voice and co-ordinates the activities of its members. AFME is a partner in a global alliance with the Asia Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (ASIFMA) and the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA) in the US. Each of these trade bodies is an independent, autonomous, self-funded, and self-governed entity that is a member of the GFMA.

Visit the membership section to find out more about the benefits available through membership by visiting [www.afme.eu](http://www.afme.eu)

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