

Ballot statement from Christos Koutsoyannis

CFA Society New York is a world-class organization, a leading forum for thought leadership, and a uniquely powerful network of investment professionals. From its emphasis on continuing education, to the importance of professional standards and integrity, CFA New York embodies the right values for the investment profession. There is no truer expression of gratitude than through service. It is therefore with great appreciation that I humbly ask for your vote in order to give back to CFA New York.

My name is Christos Koutsoyannis. I am the Chief Investment Officer of Atlas Ridge Capital, an emerging quantitative hedge fund in New York. I am also an Adjunct Professor at NYU Courant, teaching data science and data driven modeling. I have 20 years of experience in financial markets. Prior to Atlas Ridge, I was a portfolio manager at Alliance Bernstein (AB), a senior portfolio manager at State Street Global Advisors (SSgA), and the deputy head of quant research at Old Mutual Asset Managers in London (now Jupiter Asset Management.)

I have 18 years of experience in organizing hundreds of conferences in finance. My largest conference had 740 registrations. I currently co-chair the CFA New York Quantitative Investment Group. I am in the process of organizing the 7th annual Data Science in Finance conference, a full-day conference coming up on January 11th at CFA New York, and a series I have been co-organizing since the 1st one. You might have seen me present and moderate panels at CFA New York, most recently at the “How Generative AI is Transforming the Investment Process” conference on October 4th. CFA New York, and prior to 2010 CFA UK, have been absolutely pivotal to my career. It was at CFA New York event that I met two of my potential seeders for my current hedge fund.

I also bring long experience in strategic planning, education, conferences and volunteer networks, across very diverse areas of finance: I have the honor of being the most recent past president of the Society of Quantitative Analysts (SQA) in New York, I have been on the board of directors of the SQA since 2013, and have headed up the strategic planning committee of the SQA for the past 6 years. I am the chair of Trinity in New York, the Trinity College, Cambridge alumni association. I was on the committees and the Board of Directors of Inquire UK, the European sister organization of the Q-Group, from 2005 to 2016.

The mission of CFA New York depends on the depth and rigorousness of the knowledge presented, on the breadth of topics and areas of finance covered, on the clarity of the strategic vision for the organization and on the true embodiment of the values it stands for. It is in those four areas that I will focus on, if I earn your vote, to ensure that our society continues to thrive.