

Chris Parsons, CFA, CPA

Candidate Statement

I am a CFA charterholder and CPA with a strong interest in investment strategy, financial markets, and professional leadership within the finance community. Over the past few years, I have been an active member of CFA Society New York, regularly attending speaker events as well as coffee and happy hour networking sessions. I have consistently found these events to be thoughtful, well-curated, and highly relevant to the evolving investment landscape. Some of the events I particularly enjoyed over the past year include the Resurgence of International Markets event, the Private Equity and Venture Capital event, and the Employment Outlook event. I am also looking forward to attending the 2026 New Year Market Outlook event and continuing to deepen my engagement with fellow members.

Professionally, I currently work in corporate strategy at T-Mobile, where I evaluate strategic initiatives, investment decisions, and business financial performance to help shape long-term outcomes. Previously, I spent more than eight years in valuation consulting at PwC, leading valuation engagements for corporate clients and asset managers across a wide range of industries. My work supported M&A transactions and business and investment analysis, providing me with a strong foundation in financial modeling, assessing business value drivers, and communicating analyses to external stakeholders. I graduated from Lehigh University with undergraduate degrees in Finance and Accounting, as well as a Master's degree in Accounting and Information Analysis. I was also honored to receive the Elijah Watt Sells Award for top performance on the CPA Examination in 2016, with my scores placing me among the top CPA Exam candidates nationally.

I am seeking to serve on the CFA Society New York Nominations Committee because I would like to contribute meaningfully to an organization that has played an important role in my professional development. The Nominations Committee plays a critical role in shaping the Society's leadership and long-term direction, and I would welcome the opportunity to help identify and select directors who bring diverse professional backgrounds, strong integrity, and a genuine commitment to serving members. I am particularly interested in helping select board members who will guide the Society's future, strengthen programming, support members' careers, and preserve the Society's standard of excellence.

In addition, I view the Nominations Committee as an opportunity to positively influence the quality and relevance of the Society's events, educational offerings, and networking opportunities. Having attended many CFA Society New York events, as well as similar programs through organizations such as the Penn Club and the United Nations Association

of New York, I believe I can offer thoughtful input on the types of leadership and programming that resonate most with members and enhance the value of Society membership.

I am deeply proud to be part of the CFA community and strongly believe in its mission of professional excellence, ethical standards, and lifelong learning. If selected, I would approach this role with care, independence, and a sincere desire to help CFA Society New York remain vibrant, relevant, and mission-aligned.