

TURNING POTENTIAL INTO REALITY

NUS Business School's Centre for Asset Management Research and Investments (CAMRI) was launched in 2010 as *the* centre of expertise for the incubation and generation of investment research, strategies, and ideas. It is Asia's leading centre for asset management research and investments based within Asia's leading business school.

FOCUSING ON RESEARCH, education and learning, several initiatives come under the CAMRI framework. These include classroom teaching, hands-on experiential learning programmes, public talks, forums, roundtables, and applied research. Each initiative is geared towards enhancing our collective expertise to take on the challenges of the volatile, uncertain, complex and ambiguous investment and financial environment.

CAMRI's research offers rational solutions through the **CAMRI Life-Cycle Savings and Investing in Asia Research Series**, which was launched in 2011, and the **Infrastructure Finance Initiative** launched in 2015. The Life-Cycle Savings Series, for example, aims to identify and propose logical, scientific and rational solutions to the retirement savings and investment challenges that plague many nations. Resulting from this is a student-built Real Retirement Fund Calculator and six thought leadership papers on Retirement Finance which have been published and presented at various forums, conferences and events around the world, including Singapore, Hong Kong, China, and the United States. CAMRI also produces a monthly research digest which actively discusses hot topics of the day.

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Professor Joseph Cherian teaching *Advanced Portfolio Management*, one of the Student Managed Fund Track modules, in the CAMRI Lab.

Director of CAMRI, Professor Joseph Cherian, who was formerly a Managing Director, Global Head, and CIO of the Quantitative Strategies Group within Credit Suisse Alternative Investments in New York, and prior to that, a professor in the US, is thankful for the support towards CAMRI. He said: "We are fortunate to have supporters and donors who believe in our work which is achieved by leading-edge research, teaching and learning. Innovative and thoughtful applied research, presented in a form that is accessible to the lay person, can make a difference to the lives of many in the region. To this end, donors indirectly create giving impact."

In education, CAMRI plays a leading role in grooming the next generation of finance leaders for Singapore and beyond. The CAMRI Graduate Certificate in Applied Portfolio Management (g-CAPM) is a state-of-the-art applied portfolio management training programme for finance executives. During the course, participants are exposed to equity and credit research, quantitative and fundamental portfolio and risk management, and current macroeconomic views and issues affecting investment management, all conducted using real time data analysis and financial software applications and resources.

In fiduciary fund management education, CAMRI uses a live Student Managed Fund (SMF) which was launched with the generous contributions of donors. Through this, students get hands-on experience in the execution, management and monitoring of a real portfolio. They are involved in all aspects of investment management, ranging from investment research, investment thesis generation to daily monitoring and dealing with counterparties. In all of CAMRI's education efforts, training takes place in the dedicated Investment Management & Trading Lab, which is equipped with state-of-the-art tools and facilities. The Lab is equipped with 32 state-of-the-art workstations that offer live feeds from Bloomberg, financial data tickers, MSCI Barra investment and risk management software modules, and various other trading and portfolio management software applications.

Professor Cherian said: "These programmes and courses have attracted the most talented students and experts in finance to Singapore, while showcasing the city as a world-class asset management centre. In addition, our work fosters strong and long-lasting relationships between the industry, academics, asset owners and other stakeholders. Our industry-ready graduates are then provided a competitive career edge in the asset management industry: every year CAMRI compiles and distributes our SMF Track graduating students' resumes to our hiring partners."