



CFALA Names Patrick Holert June Volunteer of the Month



Patrick Holert, CFA, who chairs CFALA's Asia-Pacific Community of Interest, has extensive experience in the investment industry and a first-hand knowledge of Asia acquired from 17 years in the region. His contributions to this important COI have made him the Volunteer of the Month for May.

Holert, who received his charter in 1998, became a CFALA member in 2010, shortly after returning to Los Angeles after living and working in Hong Kong, Seoul and Bangkok. He assumed the COI chair position last October from Vera Lin, a previous volunteer of the month.

"We basically do two things – organize events on Asia for CFALA members and also networking events for the roughly 150 members of the COI," Holert explained.

"The Asia Pacific COI has grown rapidly, which reflects strong interest in Asian markets, as well as the substantial Asian American communities in Los Angeles. I think it's also worth noting that, as we are the only internationally focused COI, we have also organized events which are not strictly focused on Asia. For example, we recently helped organize a corporate presentation by Petrobras, the Brazilian oil company. As this did not fall under anyone else's scope of interest, we took it on because we thought it would be interesting."

Holert, who now works as a Consultant, specializing in investment research, previously served as Managing Director of his own Bangkok-based advisory and consulting company, Sun Capital Research; Vice President and Senior Analyst with Nomura Securities in Thailand and Korea; Head of Research for Asset Plus Securities in Thailand; Investment Manager for Indochina Asset Management; an advisor to a wealthy investor in Hong Kong and Senior Consultant with Price Waterhouse Coopers in Los Angeles.

CFALA is certainly glad he's back home now. Thanks Patrick!