



ICSA

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Dear ICSA members, colleagues, and friends,

It has been an honour to Chair the International Council of Securities Associations (ICSA) over this past year. I have come to appreciate more than ever the value of our strong partnerships across the globe in our mutual commitment to the growth and stability of the international capital markets on which the world economy depends.

I now have the pleasure of welcoming you to the 2024 Annual General Meeting in Frankfurt, a city that combines its rich culture and traditions with world leadership in modern finance.

I would like to give special thanks to our host Bundesverband der Wertpapierfirmen (bwf) for its care, thoroughness, and hard work in organising the outstanding program. While a relatively small association, this core ICSA member has proved once again that size is no impediment to achievement!

It is a busy and important time for our industry, with geo-political change at the forefront. Over a few short but full days, the wide-ranging and thought-provoking AGM agenda – led by distinguished speakers - has been designed to inform and also shape future ICSA activity.

In addition to being a valuable forum for substantive discussion, one of the AGM's strengths over the years has been the networking opportunities it provides. The exciting social program and evening dinners will allow us to continue that tradition.

I look forward to participating in productive discussions and hearing your diverse perspectives!

Warm regards,

Urban Funered

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