

STEERING COMMITTEES

Dealer Committee

The Dealer Committee reports to the IFIC Board on business and public policy matters, including federal and provincial legislative and regulatory issues related to investment fund dealers. This includes reviewing legislation and regulatory proposals, developing policy approaches and advocating on behalf of IFIC and its members.

ETF Committee

The ETF Committee reports to the IFIC Board and is responsible for providing advice to the Directors of the Institute on all business and public policy matters specific to exchange traded funds (ETFs), including federal and provincial legislative and regulatory matters, and trading and capital formation issues.

Policy and Operations Committee

The Policy and Operations Committee reports to the IFIC Board on business and public policy issues that impact the investment funds industry. The committee provides guidance on all matters on behalf of investment fund managers, investment fund dealers and investment fund products before all levels of government and regulatory or self-regulatory organizations.

Public Liaison Committee

The Public Liaison Committee reports to the IFIC Board and is IFIC's voice on all matters related to the strategic positioning of IFIC and the industry as the authoritative voice of the Canadian investment funds industry. This includes Member and public education, networking opportunities, and advice on the development of industry positions regarding topical issues, industry developments, and IFIC initiatives.



Strategic Research Committee

The Strategic Research Committee focuses on IFIC's research agenda and guiding IFIC's industry data function. This includes developing an annual research plan and key research projects, advising the Board on enhancements to monthly statistical reporting to Members, investors, and the media, and reviewing Canadian and international information and industry data, and providing guidance to IFIC in its use.

WORKING GROUPS

Accounting Advisory Working Group

The Accounting Advisory Working Group makes recommendations to the Board or committees of the Board and provides advice to IFIC staff related to accounting issues impacting the investment funds industry and help develop standard industry positions.

Fund Categorization Working Group

The Fund Categorization Working Group focuses on all matters related to the categories for reporting by investment funds and other standards developed by the Canadian Investment Funds Standards Committee and other firms that classify funds. In addition, the working group raises Member awareness of the work regarding Fund Classification Firms and works to increase Member input into their processes and decisions.



Industry Analytics Working Group

The Industry Analytics Working Group advises IFIC on the strategic direction of its statistics reporting function and provides guidance on the usage of data and analysis in support of IFIC's policy and advocacy efforts and its role as the voice of the industry.

Legal and Compliance Issues Working Group

The Legal and Compliance Issues Working Group makes recommendations and reviews proposals, rules, policies, and legislation issued by the Canadian Securities Administrators, individual securities commissions, self-regulatory organizations, and provincial and federal governments, that affect the investment funds industry.

Operations Working Group

The Operations Working Group is responsible for providing advice on all operational and administrative matters affecting the investment fund industry, including service providers. The Working Group also provides a forum for Members to discuss and share information on emerging issues regarding operational matters.

Public Affairs Working Group

The Public Affairs Working Group provides advice on all matters relating to the reputation of IFIC, the industry, its products, and public policy considerations affecting the industry. The group discusses and recommends communications tools and tactics to convey the industry's pro-investor positions, as well as its positions on public policy issues for all IFIC stakeholders.

Registered Products Working Group

The Registered Products Working Group reviews and comments on proposed amendments to federal or provincial registered plan legislations, regulations, and administrative practices from an operational perspective. The Group works with the Canada Revenue Agency, Human Resources and Skills Development Canada, the federal Department of Finance, and other governmental entities to improve reporting.

Taxation Working Group

The Taxation Working Group makes recommendations on all matters relating to federal, provincial, and international legislative and regulatory issues affecting the taxation of the mutual fund industry and investors. The Working Group assists with research and the development of submissions and proposals relevant to these issues.

TASK FORCES AND SUB-GROUPS

IFIC also has a number of Task Forces and Sub-Groups that meet as needed to discuss specific industry issues as they arise. Examples include:

- CFR Implementation
- ETF Liquidity Risk
- Investor Survey
- OEO Trail Ban
- Privacy
- Responsible Investing/ESG

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