

Natixis IM Announces Fifth Edition of The Students Challenge

Challenge invites final year Undergraduate Students to work together to manage a virtual portfolio

Boston, 7 November 2024 – Natixis Investment Managers (Natixis IM) is pleased to announce the launch of the fifth edition of The Students Challenge for the 2024/25 academic year. Registration is now open, inviting applications from business schools, engineering schools, and universities worldwide. Eligible participants must be in their final year of an undergraduate degree or currently pursuing a master's degree, with a strong interest in finance.

The Students Challenge offers a unique opportunity for aspiring asset-management professionals. Participants are required to form teams of 4-6 members, which may include students from different institutions, to collaboratively address real-world financial challenges. The challenge partners with industry leaders FactSet and Morningstar Sustainalytics, enhancing the program's ambitious vision.

Christophe Lanne, Global Chief Human Resources Officer and Global Chief Operating & Transformation Officer said, "The Students Challenge presents a pivotal opportunity for students aspiring to build a career in finance. This initiative not only provides real-world experience in investment management and portfolio management, but also facilitates mentoring and knowledge-sharing with best-in-class industry professionals. We are looking for diverse teams that will collaborate, design strategies, tackle challenges, and effectively build their skills sets and present their insights throughout their experience."

Twelve teams will be selected from the applicant pool to participate in this immersive experience, where they will manage a virtual multi-asset portfolio valued at \$100 million. Teams will focus on sustainable investing while adhering to specific investment constraints. In March and April 2025, they will present their investment strategies, findings, and portfolio performance to our panel of Asset Management professionals.

Hsun Ti Huang, 2022/2023 Winner said, "My experience with The Students Challenge by Natixis Investment Managers has been instrumental in advancing both my career and personal growth. Throughout the competition, my team and I developed a robust portfolio strategy that addressed the diverse needs of prospective clients while adapting to ever-changing market sentiment."

The final will be held in Paris, on 22nd May 2025, with three finalist teams being taken forward to compete for first place and a monetary prize. The registration deadline for the challenge is 26th November 2024, with the announcement of the selected teams being in early December.

[Link for registration -](#)

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