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Dear Fellow *HARTFORD CFA SOCIETY* Member:

I would like to provide a recap to you of the *HARTFORD CFA SOCIETY*'s activities through the first half of our fiscal year.

In September, we held our first Investment Conference. This half-day event was coordinated by our Membership Chair, Sam Chang, CFA. The event included a luncheon, followed by five speakers. Roughly sixty members and guests, as well as local media, attended this inaugural event, which we hope will become an annual *SOCIETY* Conference.

Our Fall Social was held October 23rd at Flemings Steak House in West Hartford. Social Chair Tim Walsh, CFA selected the location and coordinated the best-attended Social we've ever had! Over one hundred people attended the event.

We welcomed thirteen new Charter Holders to the *SOCIETY* this summer, several of whom received their Charter in front of family and friends at November's Award Ceremony. Dorothy Meggie, CFA did a terrific job of organizing the Ceremony. Photos from the event will be on our website, WWW.HARTFORDCFA.ORG, for your viewing pleasure.

The *HARTFORD CFA SOCIETY* will host our annual Forecast Dinner on Thursday January 29, 2009, at the Connecticut Convention Center. A social hour will begin the evening at 5pm, followed by dinner and presentations. Speakers will be:

Joseph Tracy, PhD, Director of Research; Federal Reserve Bank of New York

Jeremy Grantham, Chairman; Grantham, Mayo, and Van Otterloo

For the past ten years, this event has been the *HARTFORD CFA SOCIETY*'s main event for our members. It is a tremendous opportunity to meet and network with *SOCIETY* members and others in the investment industry. Last year, the Forecast Dinner drew well over three hundred attendees. We hope to match, or exceed, that number this year. As you may have already noticed, we dropped the price slightly for both members and table-sponsors, in light of what is happening in the economy and our industry. Jamie Rice, CFA is the new Forecast Dinner Chair, and is doing a top-notch job of lining up high-quality speakers, as well as sponsors for the Dinner.

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Additional upcoming Program events include the December 17th Powershares Sponsored Breakfast at the Hartford Club, and the February 26, 2009 SAP Investor Relations presentation luncheon (sponsored by SAP). Ned Steiger, CFA continues to do a great job for us this year as Program Chair. Visit the *HARTFORD CFA SOCIETY*'s website to register for either of these events, or, to see what else is on the calendar.

As well as the individuals I have already mentioned, I would like to acknowledge some volunteers who are serving this year on the *SOCIETY*'s Board of Directors. Amanda Abdella, CFA who for four years did such a fantastic job as Forecast Dinner Chair, serves the *SOCIETY* this year in the role of Treasurer/Board member. Continuing to make positive contributions to the *SOCIETY* include Kim DiPietro, CFA as Technology Chair, Bill DeRosa, CFA as Scholarship Chair, and Karyn Cavanaugh, CFA as Job Placement Chair. In addition, past-presidents Tom Keene, CFA, and Jim Hammel, CFA continue to be a tremendous source of support to the Board and myself. Last, but not least, Dee Klotzman (Granby Secretarial & Design Services) continues as a valuable resource for the *SOCIETY*, now in her 12th year as the *HARTFORD CFA SOCIETY*'s Administrator. If you are interested in volunteering with the *SOCIETY* in any capacity, I encourage you to contact either Jim Hammel, or myself, to discuss what opportunities may exist.

Finally, on behalf of the Board of Directors and all volunteers of the *HARTFORD CFA SOCIETY*, we wish you and your family a Happy & Health Holiday Season!

All the best,



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