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President's Report to Colleagues



Dear IFTA Colleagues,

Allow me to share with moving a you some of the IFTA keynote updates and develop- Meanwh ments over the past noticeat months. of May. F

IFTA Webinars

Since our last webinar update, IFTA Director Tom Hicks put together one more webinar session, held in late March. Titled "Trading Opportunities in 2019," the webinar was presented by keynote speaker Dan Gramza.

Be sure not to miss our next webinar on June 25, "So what's your trouble with options?" presented by keynote speaker Paul Mclaren. For more information on how to register, please visit our website (www.IFTA.org).

IFTA 32nd Annual Conference (2019) Update

As we are now less than four months away from our annual major event, preparations for the IFTA 32nd Annual Conference in Cairo, Egypt, are well underway and moving according to plan. Currently, all keynote speakers have been confirmed. Meanwhile, online registration had noticeably picked up pace at the end of May. For all developments related to the upcoming conference, please visit https://ifta2019cairo.com/.

On behalf of the hosting society (ESTA), I look forward to meeting you at the IFTA 32nd Annual Conference in Cairo!

CFTe Certification

Due to an initiative undertaken by our colleague and IFTA director Ron William, former IFTA president Bruno Estier, and current AFATE president Laurent Albie, as well as several former AFATE presidents and key individuals, and with the support of the VTAD, I am very pleased to announce that serious steps have been taken to soon offer the CFTe I online exams in French. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved in this task.

Last, but not least, I would like to thank all member societies that shared updates

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IFTA 2019 Annual General Meeting

Friday, 4 October (4:00 pm–7:00 pm, tentative)

Marriott Zamalek Hotel, Cairo, Egypt

All IFTA colleagues are encouraged and invited to attend. For further information, contact IFTA staff.

and news from your local societies. Sharing information, knowledge, and experience is and will always be, in spirit, the reason why IFTA exists and continues to do so.

Hope to see you all this year in Cairo, Egypt, at the IFTA 32nd Annual Conference!

Best regards.

Mohamed El Saiid, CFTe MFTA IFTA President **†**





Calendar-at-a-Glance

Date		Торіс	Host	Speaker	Location	Time	Contact
Monthly	Iy Presentations from local and international speakers on a comprehensive range of topics (e.g., sharemarket, CFDs, options, futures, FOREX trading, methodologies, money management, psychology).		STANZ (New Zealand)	Various	Epsom Community Centre 200-206 Gillies Ave. Auckland, NZ	Varies	www.stanz.co.nz/
Monthly		gs are held monthly in nine cities across Australia. All monthly meetings are free to rs. Visitors are welcome to attend. Bookings are not required. Visitors are welcome first visit free.	ATAA (Australia)	Various	Various	Varies	www.ataa.asn.au
Monthly	plan s professio	pter leaders and their volunteer members serve as ambassadors for the CSTA and social and educational events for the area. Events include presentations by industry onals and technical analysis experts and peer learning gatherings. Chapters also play ole in their communities by connecting individuals and promoting technical analysis.	CSTA Chapters (Canada)	Various	Various	Varies	www.csta.org
Monthly	Meeti	ings & Events: The STA holds monthly meetings in London, usually on the second Tuesday of every month, except for a summer break in August.	STA	Varies	One Moorgate Place, Chartered Accountants Hall, 1 Moorgate Place, London	Varies	https://www.sta-uk.org/resources/ meetings-events/
2019							
Date		Торіс	Host	Speaker	Location	Time	Contact
Jul	1	STA Diploma Exam, Part 1	STA	NA	StayAhead Training Centre, London	6:30 pm	https://www.sta-uk.org/education/
	9	STA Summer Party	STA	NA	One Moorgate Place, Chartered Accountants Hall, 1 Moorgate Place, London	6:30 pm	https://www.sta-uk.org/resources/ meetings-events/
	31	Master of Financial Technical Analysis (MFTA) Alternative Path, Session 2 application deadline	IFTA	NA	NA	NA	www.ifta.org
Aug	15	<i>IFTA Update</i> submission deadline for all news content (mid-September release)	IFTA	NA	NA	Varies	newsletter@ifta.org
	24–28	Quantech Academy 2019	SIAT	to be announced	"Abbazia di Spineto Via Molino di Spineto, 8 I-53047 Sarteano www.abbaziadispineto.com/"	2:00pm CEST	https://www.siat.org/eventi/siat- quantech-academy-2019/
Sept	7&8	CFTe Level II Preparatory Seminar	SAMT	Varies	Geneva, Switzerland	8:00am– 6:00pm	https://www.samt-org.ch/events/5/99/ CFTe-Level-II-preparatory-seminar.html
	10	Monthly Meeting	STA	to be announced	One Moregate Place, Chartered Accontants Hall, 1 Mooregate Place, London	6:30pm	https://www.sta-uk.org/resources/ meetings-events/
Oct	2	Master of Financial Technical Analysis (MFTA) Session 2 application, outline and fees deadline	IFTA	NA	NA	NA	admin@ifta.org
	4	IFTA Annual General Meeting	IFTA	Mohamed El Saiid, IFTA President	Marriott Zamalek Hotel, Cairo, Egypt	4:00pm– 7:00pm (tentative)	admin@ifta.org http://www.ifta.org
	5–6	IFTA 32 nd Annual Conference: History Speaks	IFTA & Hosted by ESTA	Varies	Marriott Zamalek Hotel, Cairo, Egypt	Varies	https://ifta2019cairo.com/
	8	Monthly Meeting	STA	to be announced	One Moregate Place, Chartered Accontants Hall, 1 Mooregate Place, London	6:30pm	https://www.sta-uk.org/resources/ meetings-events/
	17	IFTA CFTe II Exam	IFTA	NA	Varies in locations worldwide	Varies	https://ifta.org/certifications/
-	17	STA Diploma Exam, Part 2	STA	NA	Central London	1:00pm	https://www.sta-uk.org/education/

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Nov	12	Monthly Meeting	STA	to be announced	One Moregate Place, Chartered Accontants Hall, 1 Mooregate Place, London	6:30pm	https://www.sta-uk.org/resources/ meetings-events/
_	15	<i>IFTA Update</i> submission deadline for educational articles and new content (mid-December release)	IFTA	NA	NA	Varies	newsletter@ifta.org
Dec	1	IFTA Journal Web publication	IFTA	NA	NA	NA	http://www.ifta.org/publications/journal/
_	2	STA Part 1 Exam	STA	NA	StayAhead Centre, London	10:00am	https://www.sta-uk.org/education/
-	10	Christmas Party	STA	NA	One Moregate Place, Chartered Accontants Hall, 1 Mooregate Place, London	6:30pm	https://www.sta-uk.org/resources/ meetings-events/
2020							
Feb	15	IFTA Update submission deadline for all news content (mid-March release)	IFTA	NA	NA	NA	admin@ifta.org http://www.ifta.org
	28	Master of Financial Technician Analysis (MFTA) Alternative Path, Session 1 application deadline	IFTA	NA	NA	NA	admin@ifta.org http://www.ifta.org
Mar	15	Master of Financial Technician Analysis (MFTA), Session 2 paper deadline	IFTA	NA	NA	NA	admin@ifta.org http://www.ifta.org
Apr	23	CFTe II Examination	IFTA	NA	Varies	Varies	admin@ifta.org http://www.ifta.org
Мау	1	Certified Financial Technician (CFTe) Level II – registration opens for October examination through IFTA website	IFTA	NA	NA	NA	admin@ifta.org http://www.ifta.org
-	2	Master of Financial Technical Analysis (MFTA) Session 1 application, outline, and fees deadline	IFTA	NA	NA	NA	admin@ifta.org http://www.ifta.org
-	15	IFTA Update submission deadline for all news content (mid-June release)	IFTA	NA	NA	NA	admin@ifta.org http://www.ifta.org
	31	IFTA Journal Call for Papers submission deadline	IFTA	NA	NA	NA	admin@ifta.org http://www.ifta.org

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Elliott Wave Workshop: How to Follow Up a Corrective Wave

By El-Sayed Owaidy, CETA, CFTe

Here are two facts:

- When a corrective wave corrects another corrective wave, it usually retraces the whole corrective wave length and sometimes retraces more than the whole length of it or a little less than the length of it; it is the equal relationship between two rivals.
- Triangles are a kind of flat wave that has extended time.



Figure 1 shows the chart for GBPCHF, 4H. We note that an impulse wave has completed at the upper end of the red rising trend line, and then a corrective wave took a place. As soon as you see the unmistaken symmetrical triangle, you will believe that a zigzag wave is unfolding and has completed both of its waves (A) and (B) and remained the last one of zigzag, wave (C). Then you will give a down-target for it the same length of wave (A). Actually, that is what happened with me.



As shown in Figure 2, instead of declining, the prices stepped up, and that case is still acceptable; it might be that the triangle developed its form from symmetrical to ascending triangle. Prices are supposed to go down soon.

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Elliott Wave Workshop continued



Prices did not go down; they kept rising and we were mistaken. Despite the sharp declines of wave (A), it is a three wave structure, so the mother corrective wave couldn't be a zigzag wave. It is a flat wave, and the previous triangle has disappeared in the rise that represents wave (B), and it looks like it is complete. Most probably, wave (C) takes place now with down-targets, as shown in Figure 3.

Another example on EURCHF, daily chart:



In this example, we discovered the triangle at the end of wave C, so we expected a price rise as wave E reaches the upper border of the triangle, as shown in Figure 4. Let's see what's happened.



Figure 5 shows that the prices reached the upper border in one shot and made throw over it. Note the black and shooting star candles and failure swing with RSI.



Note what happened at the upper border. There is a bearish consolidation area ending with a double top inside the triangle, which means that most probably, the triangle has completed and the wave (B) has ended. The target of wave (C) is shown in Figure 6.

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Negative Seasonality Weighs Amidst Rising US–China Trade Tensions

By Ron William, CFTe, Senior Tactical Strategist, RW Advisory (RWA) Bloomberg media interview link

Elevated volatility is becoming the new normal, with low readings now signaling meanreversion higher. In this way, an important shift is developing both in terms of this latecycle phase and the actual mindsets of investors and traders. **Adapting to ongoing change and uncertainty will be key.**

Fig 1. marks a third volatility compression pattern breakout into H2 2019, akin to "a calm before the storm," which targets the renewed interim ceiling around 21. The resumption higher also signals a rising base in volatility around 13. **Expect further market noise and non-consensus surprises.**



Liquidity trends are inversely correlated with volatility, meaning that a rise in volatility traditionally reduces portfolio exposure, as fear and uncertainty triggers risk averse positioning.

According to JP Morgan, the **prior record-breaking Q1 v-shaped reversal in equity market performance exhibited only a third of prior liquidity flows.** The narrative back then implied further money on the table that could be employed into the market.





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However, **recent sharp corrections have confirmed a fragmented market**, vulnerable to sharp asymmetric risk. Expect heightened pressure during our seasonality roadmap.

Seasonality Negative Into Q3 2019

The S&P 500 posted its second worst performance in May since the 1960s, in line with a negative seasonality trend.



Popularly called the Sell-In-May (SIM) pattern, it is traditionally led by a weak volume, post Q2 earning season into the summer holiday season and higher volatility.

Our cycle timing studies correctly predicted this negative seasonality period, as part of a mean-reversion setup, from previous divergences in late 2018.

We should all be on high alert for further volatility into the summer months, marked by a potential break in mid-July. **The worst drawdown risk is expected during September and October, as part of the Fall-Crash cycle.**



The US and China Dance

The US and China have shared a positive relationship for over two years via Hang Seng China Enterprise Index. However, since early 2018, both markets have become overextended in terms of price and valuation. This is when their so-called dance began to change.

Traditionally, the US market leads, with every metaphorical sneeze triggering a cold for the rest of the world. It seems this age-old relationship is changing as China's dominance continues to grow.

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Summer 2018 exhibited a lead breakdown, led by technology valuations, and now US-China trade tensions are offering further pressure. Watch for downside targets into 10,000 to signal ongoing contagion across US (S&P 500) and global markets.

China Bear Setup, Weighed by Trade-War Sentiments

Chinese equity markets have sharply reversed their YTD record gains. The monthly chart below now shows a bearish setup, with a downside trigger at 2790 (12-month/200-day average). A sustained break unlocks further losses into prior 2018 lows near 2440.

Bloomberg sentiment measures highlight that **"US-China" trade-war rhetoric has broken "the wall of worry,"** after spiking higher during the month of May, breaking the prior "wall of worry." We do not expect a binary outcome either way, only further volatility and uncertainty. **The Group of 20 summit in June will be a key sentiment gauge,** where Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping are scheduled to meet.





Ron William, CFTe, MSTA, is a market strategist with 20 years of experience working for leading economic research and institutional firms producing macro research and trading strategies. He specializes in blended, top-down, semi-discretionary analysis, driven by cycles and proprietary timing models.

Ron is also a behavioural finance expert, trading psychologist, and performance coach. He uses the latest techniques in peak-performance, neuroscience, and mindfulness, supported by his market analysis.

Ron's primary work, as part of his current institutional market advisory firm (RWA), acquired global industry recognition with multiple finalist awards for "Best Specialist Research/& FX." His market insights are also featured regularly across notable financial media programs (notably, Tech Sector and USD Peak) and industry publications (2019 Bear Market Rally, Bitcoin-Digital Asset Paradigm and Bond Yield Spike Risk).

Driven by high integrity education, Ron serves on the board of the International Federation of Technical Analysis, heads the SAMT Geneva Chapter, and is an honorary member of ESTA.

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SIAT (Italy) Societa Italiana di Analisi Tecnica

Quantech Academy 2019

Date 24–28 August 2019 Start time: 2:00 pm (each day)

Venue Abbazia di Spineto Via Molino di Spineto, 8 I-53047 Sarteano www.abbaziadispineto.com/

Are you ready to learn one of the most in-demand skills in the finance industry?

Welcome to the Quantech 2019 Academy boot camp. In this three-day professionalonly event organized by SIAT, we will learn how to automate and implement various strategies.

This event is for anyone interested in learning how to code, backtest, and run their own investment algorithms. No prior knowledge of coding is required. Even if you have never written a single line of code, we have included a boot camp that will teach you the basics to get you ready.

Other than our event introduction, there will be no PowerPoints or lectures about useless theoretical details that you really don't care about. We will learn by doing, and we will walk through several algorithms line by line, gradually getting more complex as we progress. We will run backtests and evaluate the results of our investment.

The goal by the end of this event is for you to be able to use what you've learned to create investment algorithms that execute whatever strategy you can come up with. This is an excellent time to learn and develop an invaluable skill.

STA (United Kingdom) The Society of Technical Analysts

Technical analysis education remains at the core of the STA's activities, and in March, it launched a new educational service with a tie-up with IG TV, where we post editions of IG's *Charting the Markets* slot on the blog page of our website. Visit https://www.sta-uk. org/sta-blog/ to view some of these interviews.

Students on our new, world-class e-learning Home Study Course are starting to take our exams and passing with flying colours. The course, which covers the syllabi for both the STA and IFTA examinations, offers 15 subject teaching units written specifically for it by leading market technicians. Learn at your own pace rather than in a classroom—the Home Study Course is designed for those who need a truly part-time study option with maximum flexibility! For full details visit https://www.sta-uk.org/hsc/.

The next STA Diploma Part 1 exam will be held in London and overseas on Monday 2 July, and the next STA Diploma Part 2 exam will be held on Thursday 17 October 2019. For more details on how to register, please email info@sta-uk.org

On 4 July, the STA will once again enter a team in the JP Morgan Corporate Challenge. The 5.6 km route is suitable for individuals of all abilities and will be run to raise money for Cancer Research UK.

To keep up to date with the STA and its events, follow us on Twitter @STA_ORG or like our Facebook page.

IFTA Board of Directors Nomination Form

IFTA is an international organization established to advance the interests of the global community of technical analysis societies. IFTA is managed by a board of directors, which is elected by the member societies at the Annual General Meeting, normally conducted at the time of IFTA's Annual Conference. In selecting a slate of candidates for the IFTA board of directors, IFTA seeks to have the management resources, global representation, diversity, expertise and experience needed to advance its mission.

IFTA is now requesting nominations from individuals to serve on the board of directors for the October 2019–October 2022 term. **IFTA estimates that six board vacancies will be filled at the 2019 Annual General Meeting in Cairo.** Nominees must be willing to serve as a member or chair of a key IFTA committee and/or assist the committees and the board in ongoing work as needed.

Board members serve without payment for their work on the IFTA board of directors. Service on the IFTA board demands a high level of responsibility and a serious commitment to support IFTA's mission; it also provides personal and professional rewards to its members. Nominations from all interested persons are welcome. **The deadline to submit nominations is August 4, 2019.**

The nomination procedure is simple:

- 1 Any member in good standing of an IFTA member society may be nominated or may nominate him/herself.
- 2 Nominations must be seconded by two members in good standing of an IFTA member society.
- 3 The nominee must have the support of the board of directors of a local member society, preferably his or or her own Society.
- 4 Each nominee must submit the following to IFTA Headquarters no later than **August 4**, **2019.**
 - a Completed Nomination Form
 - b Completed IFTA Member Society Endorsement
 - c Summary or Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- 5 All nomination materials should be sent by email or postal mail to:

International Federation of Technical Analysts	Phone:	(240) 404-6508
1300 Piccard Drive, Suite LL 14	Fax:	(301) 990-9771
Rockville, Maryland 20850 USA	Email:	admin@ifta.org

Nominations will be announced to the membership in early September. Voting will take place at the IFTA Annual General Meeting on October 4, 2019. If you have questions concerning this matter or would like a nominating form, please contact IFTA Admin at admin@ifta.org.

Nomination Form: IFTA Board of Directors

Name of Nomine			
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Society Endorser	nent (below) must accomp	d of his/her IFTA member society any this Nomination Form. A sur t accompany this application.	y. A completed IFTA Member nmary of the nominee's pro-
	dline: August 4, 2019.		
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		Name of IFTA Membe	er Society

Signature of Society Officer



MFTA and CFTe Exam Dates

Certified Financial Technician (CFTe)—Level I

Date	Offered Y	ear-round
See our website for further instructions www.ifta.org/certifications/reg	istration/	
Syllabus and Study Guide www.ifta.org/public/files/publication-downlo	oads/IFTA_CFTe_S	Syllabus.pdf
Certified Financial Technician (CFTe)—Level II	Exam 2	Exam 1
Exam dates	17 Oct 2019	23 April 2020
Registration deadline	30 Aug 2019	12 Mar 2020
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Register at www.ifta.org/register/cfte2.php		

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Alternative Path Pre-Application Deadline	31 July 2019	28 Feb 2020
Application/Outline Deadline	2 Oct 2019	2 May 2020
Paper Deadline	15 Mar 2020	15 Oct 2020

(Session 2) Register at www.ifta.org/register/mfta_alt_session2.php

(Session 1) Register at www.ifta.org/register/mfta_alt_session1.php

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