





FINANCIAL PLANNING STANDARDS BOARD

Financial Planning Standards Board Ltd. Fact Sheet

Background

Financial Planning Standards Board Ltd. (FPSB) sets global professional standards for the financial planning profession. A nonprofit organization, FPSB owns the CFP, CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER and  marks outside the United States and works to promote global excellence in financial planning. FPSB's vision is to establish financial planning as a distinct profession, with the CFP marks its symbol of excellence.

Mission

FPSB benefits the clients and potential clients of financial planners by establishing, upholding and promoting worldwide professional standards in financial planning. FPSB's commitment to excellence is represented by the marks of professional distinction - CFP, CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER and .

By the Numbers

- As of 30 June 2011, the number of CFP professionals worldwide was 137,966.
- The average annual growth rate in the number of CFP professionals is approximately six percent.
- In mid 2011, Brazil, China, India, and Austria led the growth of CFP professionals around the world with increases of 24.5 percent, 18.4 percent, 10.8 percent and 10.5 percent respectively.
- FPSB is a US 501(c)(6) nonprofit organization. FPSB's Members are nonprofit or nonprofit-equivalent organizations that offer, or are preparing to offer, CFP certification within their countries or territories. As of mid 2011, FPSB had member organizations in 24 countries and territories around the world. Of those, all offer CFP certification except FPSB's Member in Colombia, which joined in 2010 and is developing its program.
- The total number of CFP professionals - and the number of nonprofit organizations administering CFP certification around the world - has more than doubled since year-end 2000.

Leadership

FPSB's Board of Directors consists of up to 12 voting directors and FPSB's CEO, who is a non-voting director. One representative from each FPSB member organization offering CFP certification sits as a voting member of the FPSB Council, a global body that provides support and counsel to FPSB's Board of Directors. Organizations that are preparing to offer CFP certification do not have voting privileges.

FPSB's leadership team includes:

- Corinna Dieters, FPSB 2011 Board of Directors Chairperson (*Australia*)
- Karen Schaeffer, CFP, FPSB 2011 Council Chairperson and Board of Directors Chairperson-Elect (*United States*)
- Noel Maye, CAE, FPSB CEO

More Information

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