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of the elite  
game changers.

TOPCFO Programme



Let us welcome you to the TOPCFO Programme - an esteemed programme designed to complement your vast experience in finance and business functions as a C-suite executive, giving you an unparalleled competitive advantage.

The global business arena is all about making the right connections, that's why we aimed to gather industry leaders across the globe who have advance proficiency in finance, operations, strategy and management to this prestigious community to bring you an exclusive global networking opportunities.

Come join us on an exclusive pathway to gaining the globally trusted and highly valued Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA) designation.

Our aim is to help individuals and businesses to succeed by harnessing the full power of management accounting – not just accounting for the balance sheet, but accounting for business.

Our top four reasons to become a CGMA designation holder are:

### **1. Catch the eye of employers around the globe**

Thousands of companies around the world, from multinationals to the newest start-ups in the public and private sectors, train their people with us. Chances are, in any industry you can think of, there'll be CGMA designation holders.

### **2. Choose your own role**

The CIMA qualification is designed to bring together management accounting, financial accounting and business, so you'll have the practical skills employers need. That way, you'll be qualified to work in a wide range of roles from finance to consultancy, IT to senior management positions.

### **3. Earn higher salaries**

As a CGMA designation holder, you can earn more and go further. Getting your designation shows employers that you are dedicated, hardworking and always thinking about your future. The CGMA designation can help you move up the ladder.

### **4. CGMA places you at the heart of business decision-makers**

CGMAs are from a global network of business leaders with a reputation for delivering both sound financial management and superior business performance. Becoming a CGMA, you are in this prestigious group of network.

## Eligibility

Open to C-suite executives such as CFOs, CEOs and senior management who have at least 10 years of relevant work experience in finance or business functions.

## Benefits

This programme will enhance your skillsets in leadership, people and business:

1. Drive business success across sectors using data-driven financial insights for strategic decision making that is fit for purpose in the fast-paced digital age.
2. Develop broader leadership skillsets to influence and inspire those around you in changing times.
3. Possess tools to become a strategic business partner with reliable decision-making skills to create sustainable value for your organisation.
4. Gain an exclusive access to global networking opportunity.



# Your journey with TOPCFO Programme

## Step 1

### Submit application

Submit application form and relevant supporting documents for review to [hongkong@aicpa-cima.com](mailto:hongkong@aicpa-cima.com)

## Step 2

### Attend workshop

Attend a 4 or 5 day workshop

Date	Location	Duration	Preparation for	Deadline for Early Bird
3 - 6 May 2019	Hong Kong	4 Days	May 2019 Strategic Case Study Exam	6 Apr 2019
24 - 28 Jul 2019	Taiwan	5 Days	Aug 2019 Strategic Case Study Exam	30 Jun 2019

Programme fee does not include flight & accommodation.

## Step 3

### Take exam

Sit for the Strategic Case Study exam

## Step 4

### CGMA & CIMA Membership

Awarded upon passing the Strategic Case Study exam and successful membership application and assessment

## Fee

### Original fee: £7,800/person

All inclusive fees covering workshop, registration, exemption and one attempt of exam

Special fee for registration for early bird offer before the above deadlines

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# Words from TOPCFO graduates



**Rex Gu**  
General Manager  
Business Finance  
Asia Pacific Region, Maersk Line

"A career in finance and management accountancy is a great choice, especially in Asia Pacific, where demand is strong. The TopCFO program and the CGMA curriculum provides an array of managerial toolkit which I've found quite handy and effective when dealing with complex business challenges. The qualification also strengthens my potential and leads me to a rewarding career that I am excited about."

"I have established my experience in management accounting during my working life in the past twenty years. It would be my honour in becoming a fellow of CIMA as well as a CGMA that will help further signify my expertise in this field, with peer recognition. However, I did not have adequate time to complete all the examinations under the whole CIMA scheme from the beginning. TopCFO Programme provides a good opportunity for me to capitalise on my professional experience in tackling the required professional examination requirements. I was first seriously reviewed with my senior management experience as well as my other professional qualifications for the eligibility in joining the programme. Intensive review lectures were then arranged with the aim to help me mobilise my working experience in management accounting, in preparation for the ultimate Strategic Case Study Exam. Lectures covered theories and practical models in strategic management, risk management and financial strategy, and more important of all, the application of such concepts to solve real-life business issues. TopCFO Programme not only has helped me pass the required professional examination under busy working conditions, but also further strengthened my ability in applying different skills learnt in daily life as top management. I highly recommend eligible practitioners at senior level to join this programme."



**Alec Chiu**  
Group Chief Financial Officer  
Intercel Group



**Sherman S Cheng**  
Principal Financial Consultant  
Cordatus Consulting Limited

The CIMA TopCFO program provides an excellent pathway to seasoned professionals in attaining a well recognised qualification granted by the world's largest management accountant association. Attaining the Fellow status with the Institute has opened up new doors and opportunities for me both personally and professionally via the CIMA network. Unlike financial accounting, the concepts entailed in the CIMA programs are practical and can be used in a day to day job. An additional benefit of completing the TopCFO program is the ability to obtain the CGMA qualification. While this qualification is globally recognized, it opens up a new frontier that will eventually be beneficial to all members in the future.

Having attended the TopCFO Program and successfully passed my exams I would highly recommend the program to senior executives looking to further their development. The teaching takes place in small groups and is highly tailored with CIMA staff on hand to support you throughout the process. CIMA is internationally recognised and having the CGMA designation demonstrates to the market you subscribe to a high ethical standard and have the ability to apply management accounting concepts to solving real life business issues. The toolkit taught in the program is very applicable to challenges I face on a daily basis. As part of CIMA, you have access to a global network of professionals and a continued journey of learning. CIMA organise various seminars throughout the year to keep you up to date and in the know on a range of relevant and pressing issues facing us.



**Robert J Phillips**  
CEO  
Knightsbridge Capital  
Management Ltd

# Words from CGMAs



**Dr William Chen**

CFO, General Manager (HK),  
Hui Lau Shan Food Manufacturing  
Company Limited

The job of the CFO is broadening far beyond its technical competencies into a role that is much more strategic. This transformation demands integration of accounting, finance and business knowledge and experience. CGMA designation helps you to get through this transformation.

Today's world is full of changing circumstances, whether that be from emerging technologies or economic uncertainty and as business leaders we need to ensure we are equipped to deal with that. CIMA helps you get beyond the numbers, analyse, evaluate and consider what is important, what isn't and find a way forward. The CGMA designation helped you understand more than just the technical issues, but also how to drive change and make a difference.



**Chris Scoular**

Co-founder, Director,  
TTB Partners



**Jin Yan**

VP Finance APAC  
Eaton Corporation

When I gained deep understanding of CIMA syllabus and its Global Management Accounting Principles, I was inspired by its comprehensiveness. It reminded me a lot of important principles. All these knowledge is particularly useful for experienced CFOs who works for multinational corporates.

CIMA is truly instrumental in inspiring us to think systematically as how to make management accounting play a bigger role in business. And the networking opportunities it offers help generate fresh ideas and spark brilliant thoughts among our CFOs. On top of all that, updates from regular programs and training courses help us stay ahead of the curve.



**Aaron Huang**

CFO  
McDonald China

## About The Association

The Association of International Certified Professional Accountants (the Association) is the most influential body of professional accountants, combining the strengths of the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) and The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) to power opportunity, trust and prosperity for people, businesses and economies worldwide. It represents 650,000 members and students in public and management accounting and advocates for the public interest and business sustainability on current and emerging issues. With broad reach, rigor and resources, the Association advances the reputation, employability and quality of CPAs, CGMAs and accounting and finance professionals globally.

[aicpa-cima.com](http://aicpa-cima.com)

## About CGMA

CGMA is the most widely held management accounting designation in the world. It distinguishes more than 150,000 accounting and finance professionals who have advanced proficiency in finance, operations, strategy and management. In the U.S., the vast majority are also CPAs. The CGMA designation is underpinned by extensive global research to maintain the highest relevance with employers and develop competencies most in demand. CGMAs qualify through rigorous education, exam and experience requirements. They must commit to lifelong education and adhere to a stringent code of ethical conduct. Businesses, governments and nonprofits around the world trust CGMAs to guide critical decisions that drive strong performance.

[cgma.org](http://cgma.org)

## About CIMA

The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA), founded in 1919, is the world's leading and largest professional body of management accountants, with members and students operating in 177 countries, working at the heart of business. CIMA members and students work in industry, commerce, the public sector and not-for-profit organisations. CIMA works closely with employers and sponsors leading-edge research, constantly updating its qualification, professional experience requirements and continuing professional development to ensure it remains the employers' choice when recruiting financially-trained business leaders.

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