



NEWSLETTER

Welcome to 2018 at the Swedish House of Finance. We ended the fall semester with a clear topic to us: **Women in Finance**. Please find below a short film summarizing the highlights of this conference.

We are also proud to showcase the excellence we host at the Swedish House of Finance by announcing the winners to some truly **prestigious awards**.

Now, we look forward to new discussions on all things financial. Visit one of our seminars or follow us on Twitter ([@SHoFofFinance](#)) or LinkedIn (Swedish House of Finance) for more updates and news about the research we do at the Swedish House of Finance.



Only winners. Enhanced default pension allocation

How can we improve the one-size-fits-all default pension fund model? An article recently published in the *Journal of Finance* explored the optimal asset allocation for a default fund. It illustrates an alternative that produces only winners and no losers. Roine Vestman explains [here](#).

Women in Finance

Does promoting more diversity in Finance benefit those that it attempts to promote? Swedish House of Finance and AFFECT organized the third conference on Showcasing Women in Finance on December 18th. Watch the summary from the event [here](#). Or take part of all the filmed presentations [here](#).



The Future of Asset Management – Passive or Active?

What are the merits of active and passive investing, respectively – for investors, financial markets, and the economy as a whole? Does skill exist among the best active managers and how will market efficiency change as passive investing gains popularity?

Lasse Heje Pedersen is the receiver of the 2018 Skandia research award on "Long-Term Savings". Take part of Lasse's presentation from the award ceremony at Swedish House of Finance [here](#).

More awards

Additional to the Skandia award highlighted above, we are proud to announce the winners to the following prestigious awards:

- Brattell Group Prize in Corporate Finance Distinguished Paper Award to **Jungsook Han**
- Ota Bengtsson Award for best Finance PhD paper to **Tommy von Brömssen**



- SSE Corporate Partners' Research Award to **Marcus Opp**

We would like to take the opportunity to introduce a new award that we inaugurated with the generous support of the **Nasdaq Nordic Foundation**:

The Swedish House of Finance awards a best thesis prize to MSc students who have used Swedish Equity Data available from the National Data Center of the Swedish House of Finance in their work. The total prize money for the award is SEK 50,000.

The prize will be awarded annually in order to stimulate students to work on topics related to financial economics by using data on Nordic financial markets. Read more about the prize [here](#).

Upcoming events

- 13 February: SNS / SHoF Finance panel: *Money laundering and the financial sector*. A talk with Europe's former head
- 19 - 20 August: Swedish House of Finance annual conference: *Financial Markets and Corporate Decisions*.
- 4 October: *Corporate Governance and Investor Activism Workshop*

What you always wanted to know about the Swedish House of Finance

We have been strengthening financial research and creating impact for almost ten years. Learn more about us:

- What is Swedish House of Finance?
- What are the goals of the center?
- Who is behind the center?
- What entails the national mandate?
- Why do we need financial research?

[Find the answers here](#)

