



The Swiss Association
of Market Technicians

THE SAMT TECHNICAL ANALYSIS PREPARATORY COURSE

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A 2-day immersion course given in Geneva to prepare for the IFTA Certified Financial Technician (CFTe) Level II examination

Over a specified weekend, two members of the Swiss Association of Market Technicians (SAMT) Geneva Chapter will present a 2-day immersion (16 hour) course on advanced technical analysis and preparation for IFTA's Certified Financial Technician (CFTe) Level II examination. This course is designed for professionals with market experience who are familiar with the essentials of technical analysis and also for those who would like to use more advanced technical analysis on a regular basis. This course will be presented in English.

- This immersion course is designed to prepare candidates for an upcoming CFTe Levels II exam which culminate in the award of an international professional qualification in technical analysis. The exam tests technical skills knowledge and understanding of ethics and the markets.
- This immersion course will be limited to 5-10 candidates so that each person will receive the same individual level of information and instruction.
- The CFTe Level II exam incorporates a number of questions requiring essay-based analysis and answers. The candidates will demonstrate a depth of knowledge and experience in applying various methods of technical analysis.
- The CFTe exam also contains a number of different charts covering one specific market (often an equity) to be analysed, as though for a fund manager or trader.

Who Will Teach the Course?

- The course will be taught by Bruno Estier, CFTe, MFTA, MSTA; and Ron William, CMT, MSTA.
- Collectively, the instructors have 58 years of experience, have technical analysis professional designations, and use technical analysis in their daily work.

How Will it Work?

- The 2-day course will begin promptly at 09:00 on a Saturday. The instructors will begin with an overview of basic technical analysis per the CFTe Level I exam.
- A sample of a CFTe Level II exam will be introduced to familiarize each candidate with each of the 3 sections and how best to answer the questions in the 3 hours allotted for the exam.
- Lunch with class and instructors.
- The afternoon will focus on all aspects of technical

analysis – with particular attention to subjects which will be needed to complete and hopefully pass the CFTe Level II exam.

- At the end of the day an overnight assignment will be given – similar to the chart analysis section of the CFTe Level II exam. The class will end at 18:00.
- On the Sunday morning, the class will review the overnight assignment before continuing with the materials needed to familiarize the participants with the information needed for the CFTe Level II exam.
- Lunch with class and instructors.
- The afternoon will focus on sample CFTe Level II exam questions and sample charts which will be analysed.
- There will be a review of all subjects in the late afternoon before the course ends at 18:00.
- Additional pre- and post-course remote training is offered.

What Preparations Should You Make for the Course?

- The participants will have the basic knowledge of technical analysis and perhaps have passed the CFTe Level I exam.
- In preparation for the exam, all candidates should download and review the IFTA [Syllabus and Study Guide \(CFTe Level II\)](#).
- Each course participant should be familiar with at least one of the books used to teach basic technical analysis and will need to bring one of these books from the Core Reading (page 3) to the course for reference.
- **Please do not purchase only the study guides, you will need a textbook for this course.**

What Should You Bring to the Course?

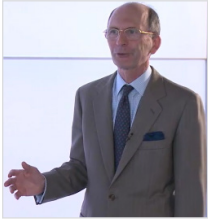
- One of the 4 books from the Core Reading (page 3)
- Paper for note taking and demonstration of chart analysis
- Pen and sharpened pencils; 16 mm transparent ruler

How Much Does the Course Cost?

- SAMT Members: CHF 2000
- Non Members: CHF 2300

Course Lecturers

Bruno Estier, CFTe, MFTA, MSTA



Bruno is an Independent Market Strategist and founder of Bruno Estier Strategic Technicals (bruno.estier.net). Based in Geneva, he is a global market advisor and technical analyst coach for professional traders and portfolio managers.

He is a past president of the Swiss Association of Market Technicians (SAMT) and served on the board of directors as chairman and secretary of the International Federation of Technical Analysts (IFTA).

Bruno holds a MSTA from The Society of Technical Analysis (STA) in London and the CFTe and MFTA designation from IFTA.

He worked for 12 years as a technical analyst with JP Morgan in Zürich and Paris and 10 years with Lombard Odier & Cie in Geneva. He earned an MBA from The University of Chicago Graduate School of Business and a Masters in Economics from the University of Saint Gallen (HSG).



In June 2014, Bruno Estier and Ron William appeared on Dukasopy TV in Geneva to talk about technical analysis education and the CFTe designation, exam and this immersion course. Take a moment to listen to their presentation by [clicking here](#).

Ron William, CMT, MSTA



Ron has 18 years of financial market experience, working for leading economic research and institutional firms, producing macro research and trading strategies for a range of professional clients that included investment banks, money managers and hedge funds.

He is founder and principal market strategist of RW Market Advisory (RWA) (www.rwadvisory.com). The institutional market advisory specialises in a macro, semi-discretionary technical approach, primarily driven by cycles and proprietary timing models, with actionable market insights featured regularly across notable industry publications and financial media programs.

Ron's work has further acquired global industry recognition as part of the 2012 Finalist Award for "Best Technical Analyst of the year" and the 2013 / 2014 Finalist Award for "Best Independent Research House for FX". His educational webinars have also been ranked as the "Top 5 most watched" by investors and traders around the world.

He dedicated four years working at Bloomberg L.P. as a senior Technical Analyst Specialist responsible for training/consultation across the EMEA region, and contributed to the development of charting strategies and the Technical Analysis platform of the Bloomberg Professional Service™.

Ron is an active member of the International Federation of Technical Analysts (IFTA), Vice President & Head of the Geneva Chapter of the Swiss Association of Market Technicians (SAMT) and Honorary member of the Egyptian Society of Technical Analysts (ESTA).

The IFTA CFTe Program

Passing the CFTe I and CFTe II culminates in the award of an international professional qualification in technical analysis. The exams are intended to test not only your technical skills knowledge, but also your understanding of ethics and the markets.

Why Certify?

Obtaining the CFTe or MFTA designation(s) demonstrates that you have achieved the highest level of expertise in the field of technical analysis. Join an elite group who have already recognized the importance of these certification(s) in elevating their professional standing by becoming certified by the International Federation of Technical Analysts.

Syllabus and Study Guides

CFTe Level I (offered all year long) and CFTe Level II (offered biannually in April and October) candidates should study the new [Syllabus and Study Guide](#).

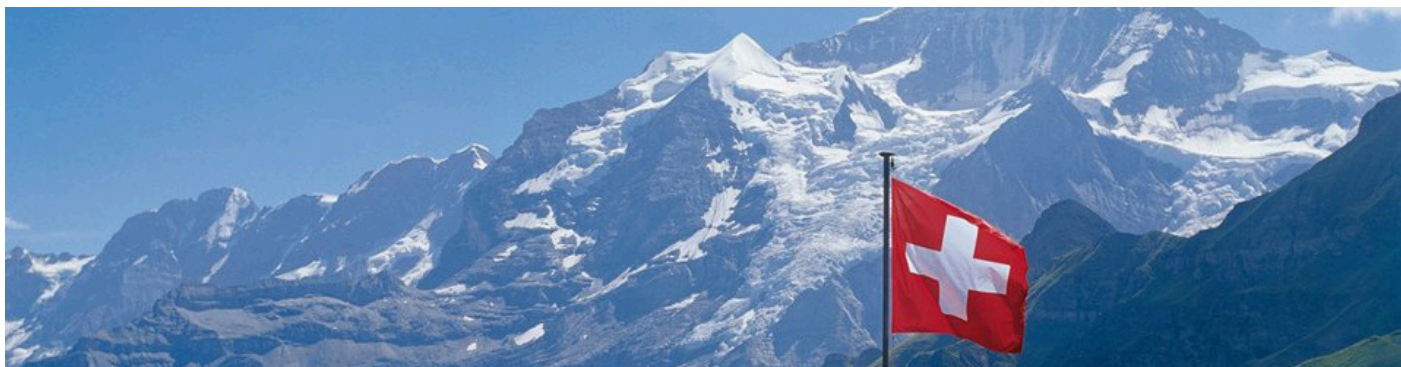
Languages

The CFTe I and II exams are available in English, German, Spanish and Arabic - only.

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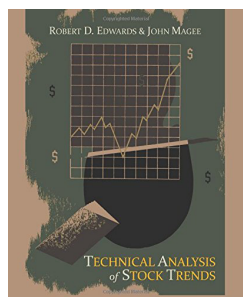
For complete information about [IFTA's exams](#).

To register for the exams, [click here](#).

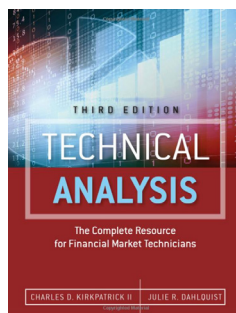


Core Reading

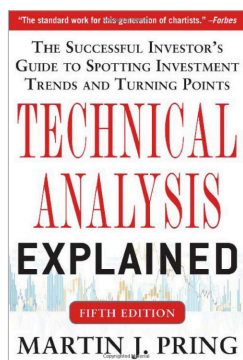
Robert D. Edwards
and John Magee
[Technical Analysis of
Stock Trends](#)
Reprint of 1958 Fourth
Edition
Martino Press 2011



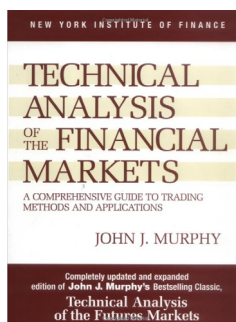
Charles D. Kirkpatrick and
Julie R. Dahlquist
[Technical Analysis: The
Complete Resource
for Financial Market
Technicians](#)
Third Edition
FT Press 2011



Martin J. Pring
[Technical Analysis
Explained: The Successful
Investor's Guide to
Spotting Investment
Trends and Turning
Points](#)
Fifth Edition
McGraw-Hill 2014



John J. Murphy
[Technical Analysis of
the Financial Markets](#)
New York Institute of
Finance
Prentice Hall 1999



If you are traveling from outside of
Geneva, or Switzerland, here is a
link for [accommodations](#).

SAMT Immersion Course Registration

All of the information to register and pay for the next SAMT
SAMT Members CHF 2000; Non Members CHF 2300
2-day immersion course is available on the [SAMT website](#)

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"It was enriching as we shared differing points of view and approaches, pushing me out of my comfort zone in using technical analysis, while also understanding the exam methodology. Ron and Bruno truly dedicated themselves to giving their best to this course".

- Bertrand Clavien, CFTe, Senior Portfolio Manager, Border & Cie

"Taking the SAMT Geneva Immersion Course was one of the best decisions that I ever made before the examination. It offered great guidelines to how you can prepare for the exam and it gave a very good strategy on how to answer the exam questions in a very efficient and timely way. The course was presented by very professional members of SAMT who were dedicated to help us during and after the course".

- Muneera El Dossary, CFTe, Portfolio Manager, Saudi Fransi Capital

