



# The President's Message

Took forward to another great and invigorating year for our chapter! We solicited feedback regarding another in-person event this year, and included in this issue are the survey results. We continue growing our membership, as well as celebrating club anniversaries. The BetterInvesting (BI) community has so much to offer, and we look forward to providing the support and benefits you need at both the individual and club membership levels. Please continue to visit the Chapter website Local Events page for local education events, meetings, and other happenings. You can also attend national programs such as Ticker Talk or StockUp. Reach out anytime to the Contacts on the South Florida Chapter website if you have any questions or concerns, and we will be happy to assist you. I hope you are just as excited about the upcoming year as I am! / Sofia Bitela, President and Director, South Florida Chapter

## ~ NEW CLASS ~

Real Returns: Deep Dive in Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) Investing

Second Tuesday of the Month Starting January 13 – March 10, 2026, 7:30 p.m. ET

See 2025-2026 Schedule for Full Details



In May 2025, a Survey Monkey poll was taken. Responders have spoken and the Chapter is listening. These are the results:

- 1. In favor of an in-person event, Fall season 2025 Yes
- 2. Preferred location for in-person event Palm Beach County
- 3. Preferred time for in-person event Afternoon
- 4. Preferred Program at in-person event Relaxed social atmosphere and Investor conversation
- 5. Preference for webinar in Spanish Not at this time

Many thanks to all responders. The Chapter began this summer to locate an ideal Palm Beach County location. Details are forthcoming in the Chapter Events email notice and on the Chapter website.



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# 2025-2026 **EVENTS SCHEDULE**

Registration Required: https://www.betterinvesting.org/chapters/south-florida/local-events
EVENTS ARE VIRTUAL AND FREE UNLESS NOTED

### INVESTMENT EDUCATION

Learn to Earn - Participate in a guided completion of the Stock Selection Guide (SSG) using the monthly BetterInvesting magazine featured Stock Study company. You are encouraged, though not required, to bring your completed SSG to the session. Learn SSG tips and techniques, how to use analysts estimates and company research to make your SSG judgments. All investors are welcome to join. Second Saturdays September-April, 9:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. ET

Real Returns - Deep Dive in Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) Investing

Have you been curious about REITs and not yet taken the plunge? Have you ever wondered how to effectively invest in real estate as an asset class in your stock portfolio? Join the South Florida chapter as we explore REITs, showcasing the industry-specific tools provided by our SSG platform! Each session will include an industry review in the first half hour, then review a detailed stock study in the second half hour. Keep the tickers and information for your own personal portfolio or review by your investment club. Mark these dates to join the exploration of the wide world of REITs:

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 - 7:30 PM ET - Apartment / Multi-Family REITs
Tuesday, February 10, 2026 - 7:30 PM ET - Office Space REITs
Tuesday, March 10, 2026 - 7:30 PM ET - Retail and Shopping Center REITs

### **INVESTOR EDUCATION FAIR**

**Broaden Your Investor Horizon**- Learn from investor topics, tools, tips and techniques to selecting quality growth stocks at good prices from national and chapter presenters. Plans are currently underway. **SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, March 7, 2026** – Time and details will be announced in Chapter Events email notice and on the Chapter website.

### **MODEL INVESTMENT CLUB**

Investment Club Operations, Education, and Stock Study - Attend the South Florida Chapter Model Investment Club to gain new knowledge or to expand, and/or refresh your knowledge of how to operate a BetterInvesting investment club using the BI principles and methodology. Guests and individual BI members are always welcome to attend and invited to participate. Third Saturday monthly, January to December, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. ET

### **CHAPTER OPERATIONS**

Board Meetings – Virtual meetings held the second Saturday of September and November 2025, and January and March, 2026, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. ET

Annual Elections Meeting - Voting is open to BetterInvesting South Florida Chapter members though Investor Education Fair Participants may attend.

Saturday, March 7, 2026

Planning Meeting - Share in making plans for the upcoming year on Saturday, May 9, 2026, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. ET



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