

Call for Papers VBA Journaal Spring 2022

The spring 2022 issue will be dedicated to *real assets*. This asset category generally includes real estate, agricultural land, infrastructure, precious metals, commodities, machinery and other equipment and natural resources. Often cited reasons for investing in these types of assets are their stable cash flows, protection against inflation and low correlation with other investments. Authors could choose to discuss the entire spectrum of real assets, or, conversely, focus on one particular category. For inspiration, the editors would like to mention the following potential subjects:

- Some commentators currently see an imminent danger of economic overheating and inflation. Do the benefits of low correlation and protection against inflation still hold, now that the long period of low interest rates has driven up the prices of all investments - financial assets as well as real assets?
- Because of their 'tangibility', real assets are eminently suitable for implementing responsible and impact investment policies. How do market players put this into practice? What are the success stories and what are the potential pitfalls?
- In the Netherlands, the rapidly rising house prices and shortage of affordable housing now make daily headlines. Can (and must) institutional investors play a part in solving the problems on the housing market? And to what extent do these problems present an investment risk?
- Real assets are generally not as readily dividable as financial assets and must therefore often be traded in larger volumes. Certain real assets also entail storage and insurance costs. Do investment funds and index funds that offer exposure to real assets offer a good alternative without the associated disadvantages? Also for giving private investors in particular access to these types of investments?
- Are real assets only suited to long-term strategic investment portfolios? Or do certain categories offer opportunities for establishing more tactical positions? Which real assets currently have the most attractive risk/return profiles?

By means of this call for papers we invite interested authors to contact the editorial team (irma.willemsen@cfavba.nl) no later than 31 October 2021. Contributions must be original articles that have not previously been published elsewhere.

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