Training course on Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) and Public Markets

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Real Estate Institute	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Analyze the fundamental principles and strategic importance of **Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)**.
2. Understand the **history, purpose, and unique tax structure** that define REITs.
3. Master methodologies for **identifying and analyzing different types of REITs** (Equity, Mortgage, Hybrid) and their sub-sectors.
4. Comprehend how **REITs operate within public capital markets** (trading, liquidity, market drivers).
5. Develop expertise in **valuing REITs using specialized metrics** such as Funds From Operations (FFO), Adjusted FFO (AFFO), and Net Asset Value (NAV).
6. Formulate strategies for **integrating REITs into diversified investment portfolios**.
7. Compare and contrast the **advantages and disadvantages of investing in REITs vs. direct real estate**.

8. Understand **key regulations, compliance requirements, and corporate governance** for REITs.
9. Apply principles of **financial statement analysis for REITs**, including balance sheets and income statements.
10. Explore the impact of **macroeconomic factors (interest rates, inflation)** on REIT performance.
11. Anticipate and adapt to **emerging trends and innovations** in the global REIT market.
12. Design an **REIT investment strategy and portfolio allocation plan**.
13. Position themselves as strategic investors and analysts capable of navigating the **public real estate investment landscape**.

Target Audience

This course is designed for professionals and investors seeking to understand and invest in REITs:

1. **Individual Investors:** Looking to add real estate exposure to their portfolios.
2. **Financial Analysts:** Specializing in real estate or public equity markets.
3. **Portfolio Managers & Wealth Advisors:** Allocating capital to real estate.
4. **Real Estate Professionals:** Understanding the public market side of real estate.
5. **Students in Finance, Investment, or Real Estate Programs:** Seeking specialized knowledge.
6. **Fund Managers:** Evaluating listed real estate opportunities.
7. **Tax Professionals:** Dealing with REIT-specific tax implications.
8. **Corporate Finance Professionals:** Understanding REIT corporate structures.

Course Duration: 5 Days

Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)

- Defining REITs: History, Purpose, and Evolution.
- The REIT Structure and Tax Benefits (90% Payout Rule).
- REITs as a Bridge Between Real Estate and Capital Markets.
- Advantages of Investing in REITs: Liquidity, Diversification, Professional Management.
- Disadvantages and Risks of REIT Investing.

Module 2: Types and Sectors of REITs

- **Equity REITs:** Owning and Operating Income-Producing Properties.
    - Residential REITs (Apartments, Manufactured Homes).
    - Office REITs, Retail REITs (Shopping Centers, Malls).
    - Industrial REITs (Warehouses, Logistics).
    - Specialty REITs (Data Centers, Self-Storage, Healthcare, Lodging/Hotels, Timberlands).
- **Mortgage REITs (mREITs):** Investing in Mortgages and Mortgage-Backed Securities.
- **Hybrid REITs:** Combining Equity and Mortgage Investments.
- Analyzing Different REIT Sectors and Their Performance Drivers.

Module 3: REITs in Public Capital Markets

- How REITs are Traded on Stock Exchanges (NYSE, NASDAQ).
- Market Capitalization and Trading Volume.
- Understanding Market Volatility and Its Impact on REIT Share Prices.
- The Role of Indices (e.g., FTSE Nareit All REITs Index).
- Primary and Secondary Market Transactions for REITs.

Module 4: REIT Valuation Methodologies

- **Funds From Operations (FFO):** The Key Earnings Metric for REITs.
    - Calculation and Interpretation of FFO.
- **Adjusted Funds From Operations (AFFO):** A More Comprehensive Cash Flow Measure.
    - Adjustments for Recurring CapEx and Straight-Lined Rents.
- **Net Asset Value (NAV):** Valuing the Underlying Real Estate Assets.
    - Calculating NAV and its Use in Assessing Over/Undervaluation.
- Dividend Yield and Payout Ratios for REITs.
- Price-to-FFO/AFFO Multiples.

Module 5: Financial Statement Analysis for REITs

- Key Differences in REIT Financial Statements (Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow).
- Analyzing Revenue Sources (Rental Income, Other Income).
- Operating Expenses Specific to Real Estate (Property Taxes, Insurance, Maintenance).
- Debt Ratios (Debt-to-EBITDA) and Leverage Management.
- Understanding REIT Disclosures and Reporting (SEC Filings, Annual Reports).

Module 6: Macroeconomic Factors and REIT Performance

- The Impact of Interest Rates on REIT Valuations and Borrowing Costs.
- Inflation and Its Effect on Rental Income and Property Values.
- Economic Growth and its Correlation with Real Estate Demand.
- Sector-Specific Economic Drivers.
- Global Economic Trends and Their Influence on International REITs.

Module 7: REIT Investment Strategies and Portfolio Integration

- Developing a Personal/Institutional REIT Investment Strategy.
- Strategic Allocation of REITs within a Diversified Portfolio.
- Active vs. Passive Investing in REITs (ETFs, Mutual Funds).
- Comparing Risk-Adjusted Returns of REITs with Other Asset Classes (Stocks, Bonds).
- Tax Implications of REIT Dividends (Ordinary Income vs. Qualified Business Income).

Module 8: REIT Regulations, Compliance, and Governance

- Key Requirements for REIT Qualification (Asset Tests, Income Tests, Distribution Requirements).
- Role of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and other Regulatory Bodies.
- Corporate Governance Best Practices for REITs.
- Shareholder Rights and Activism.
- Global REIT Legislation and International Markets.

Training Methodology

- **Interactive Workshops:** Facilitated discussions, group exercises, and problem-solving activities.
- **Case Studies:** Real-world examples to illustrate successful community-based surveillance practices.
- **Role-Playing and Simulations:** Practice engaging communities in surveillance activities.
- **Expert Presentations:** Insights from experienced public health professionals and community leaders.
- **Group Projects:** Collaborative development of community surveillance plans.
- **Action Planning:** Development of personalized action plans for implementing community-based surveillance.

- **Digital Tools and Resources:** Utilization of online platforms for collaboration and learning.
- **Peer-to-Peer Learning:** Sharing experiences and insights on community engagement.
- **Post-Training Support:** Access to online forums, mentorship, and continued learning resources.

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally recognized certificate.

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Key Notes

- Participants must be conversant in English.
- Upon completion of training, participants will receive an Authorized Training Certificate.
- The course duration is flexible and can be modified to fit any number of days.
- Course fee includes facilitation, training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch, and a Certificate upon successful completion.
- One-year post-training support, consultation, and coaching provided after the course.
- Payment should be made at least a week before the training commencement to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice, to enable better preparation.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
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