

ANNUAL REPORT 2025/26

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Presidential Address

Dear Reader,



Welcome to the **Warwick Finance Societies Annual Report** for 2025/26.

Whether you are a current member, an alumnus, a sponsor, or encountering WFS for the first time, this report aims to give a clear picture of **what the society represents** and what has been **built** this year.

Over the past 25 years, WFS has grown into a community that brings together students from a wide range of backgrounds with a shared interest in finance. What began as a small initiative has developed into one of the **largest and most active student societies in Europe**, shaped not by any single cohort but by the consistency of those who contribute to it each year.

This year has been a continuation of that trajectory. Across the academic year, the society delivered over **160 events**, expanded its range of initiatives, and strengthened its engagement with both students and industry. From introductory programmes such as Finance 101, to more advanced offerings like the Trading Academy and Investment Banking Accelerator, the focus has remained on providing something **meaningful at every stage of a student's journey**. We also worked to expand opportunities beyond campus through competitions, conferences, and increased engagement with firms across the industry.

Simultaneously, WFS has continued to prioritise accessibility. A key part of the society's role is ensuring that students, **regardless of their degree background or prior experience**, feel able to explore opportunities within finance. Many initiatives introduced this year were designed with that in mind, alongside continued efforts to broaden participation across divisions and events. This is reflected in the culture of the society, one where students feel comfortable returning, supporting one another, and engaging not just for personal progression, but as part of a wider community.

Our culture does not exist by accident. It is the result of the **combined effort** from the executive team, the engagement of our members, and the continued support of our sponsors and alumni network. The scale of activity outlined in this report is ultimately made possible by a large number of people contributing **consistently behind the scenes**.

It has been a privilege to serve as Co-Presidents during this period. At the beginning of our tenure, we set out to build on the excellence, community, and inclusivity that have long defined WFS. Over the course of the year, we have seen just how strong that foundation is and how important it is to maintain it as the society continues to grow on campus and in industry.

We hope this report provides a useful overview of the year and the work that has gone into it.

Iyin Olubajo, Timothy Lee



ABOUT



WARWICK

FINANCE SOCIETIES

ABOUT US

Warwick Finance Societies is the University of Warwick's **largest and most active** student society, with a 25-year legacy of developing financial professionals.

Founded in 2000 as a small stockbroking club, WFS has grown into a community of 1,600+ members from 35 degree backgrounds. Over the past two and a half decades, we have built an unrivalled track record of helping students secure the world's most competitive roles across investment banking, markets, private equity, hedge funds, FinTech, and quantitative finance.

At the core of what we do is education and access. Through **150+ events each year**, we equip members with the technical knowledge, practical skills, and commercial awareness needed to succeed in competitive recruitment. Our industry divisions, Investment Banking, Markets, Alternatives, FinTech, and Quant, deliver targeted learning at every level, from **introductory sessions** for those just starting out to advanced accelerator programmes.

We are supported by a network of **20+ leading sponsors** across banking, trading, asset management, and FinTech. Through campus presentations, exclusive networking sessions, and speaker events, we bring the industry directly to Warwick. Members are given direct exposure to the firms and professionals shaping global finance. Many of our sponsors actively recruit through WFS, turning relationships formed at our events into tangible career opportunities.

Beyond careers, **WFS is a community**. We are open to students from **all degree backgrounds and all levels of experience**, and we are committed to ensuring that a career in finance feels within reach for everyone. From CV clinics and interview prep to **travel subsidies** for state school students attending our Shard Conferences, we are here to give our members the best possible foundation for their futures.

1.6k+
MEMBERS

24
SPONSORS

150+
EVENTS



A GLANCE OF OUR YEAR IN NUMBERS ...

5k+
 LINKEDIN
 FOLLOWERS

74
 EXECUTIVE
 MEMBERS

38
 COMPANY
 COLLABORATIONS

1.6k+
 MEMBERS



9.7k+
 IG FOLLOWERS

15
 NEW
 INITIATIVES

14
 CAMPUS
 PRESENTATIONS

19
 INDUSTRY LEADING
 SPEAKERS

WFS continues to operate at scale, engaging **thousands of students** across campus. Through a wide range of events, initiatives, and partnerships, we provide consistent access to **opportunities in finance**. Our network of sponsors and industry professionals remains central to delivering this experience.

SUPPORTED BY

 **BARCLAYS**  **SUSQUEHANNA** **NOMURA** **LAZARD**

 **BNP PARIBAS**

 **Capital One**

 **Houlihan Lokey**

**WELLS
 FARGO**

 **Point 72**

DE Shaw & Co

 **Fidelity
 INTERNATIONAL**

J.P.Morgan

BANK OF AMERICA 

 **Deutsche Bank**

 **WSO**

 **Pari Passu**

 **wbs**

**WORLD
 QUANT**

 **WARWICK
 ECONOMICS**

 **CCI**

 **UBS**

 **ORCHARD
 GLOBAL**

 **PERMIRA**

MAYER | BROWN

Our Board



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Co-Chair



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Co-Senior Advisor



Natan Boyd
Treasurer



Taksh Shrivastava
Co-Senior Advisor

'The Board' is our most senior leadership body responsible for the strategic direction, external relationships, financial planning, and daily operations that keep WFS running at the scale it does.

WFS' 2025/26 Divisions

22 Teams | 74 Executives | 3 New Divisions

Flagship Divisions

Markets	Investment Banking
Quantitative Finance	FinTech
Alternatives	Speaker Series
Women in Finance	Diversity

Shard
Conferences

Support Divisions

Careers	Alumni
Insights	Mathematical Finance Magazine
Strategy & Marketing	Sponsorship
Media Production	Technology

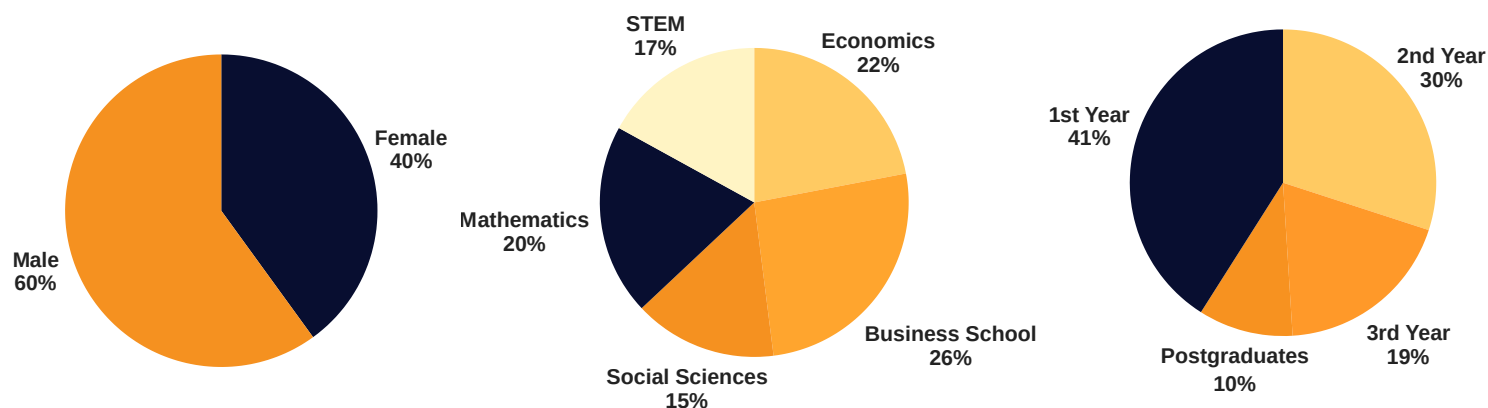
Investment
Fund

Community

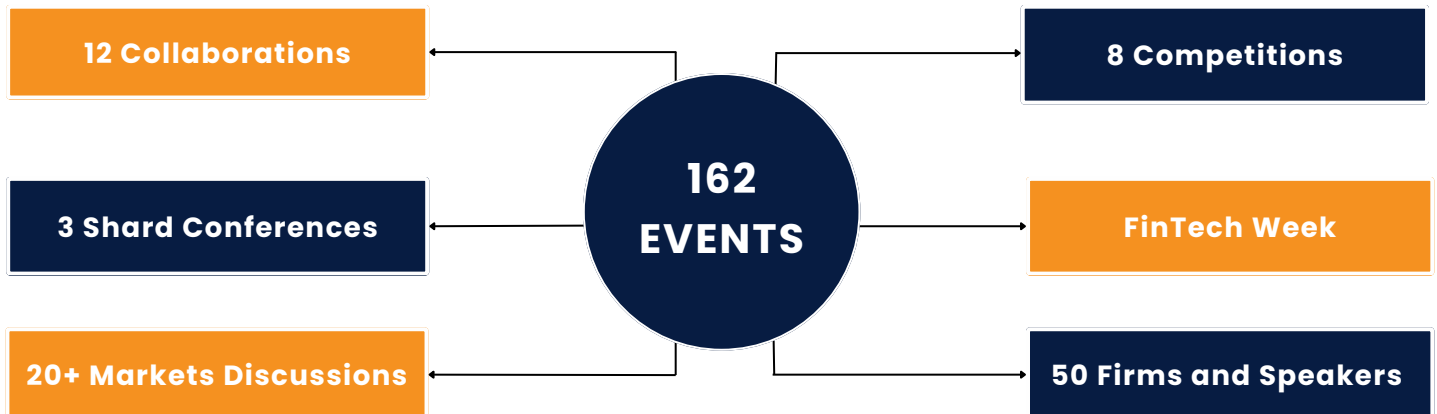
Socials
Ball
Tour
Sports

Our Members

>50 Nationalities | 40% female, 60% male | 35 degrees



Highlights 2025/26:



Notable Events

**SPEAKER SERIES EVENT WITH THE CIO OF
BLACKROCK (HELEN JEWELL)**

**J.P. MORGAN CAMPUS PRESENTATION &
NETWORKING**

**DEUTSCHE BANK SPEAKER SERIES (VATHANY
VIJAYARATNA, CEO)**

**UBS CAMPUS PRESENTATION &
NETWORKING**

IB ACCELERATOR: M&A CASE STUDY

FIDELITY STOCK PITCH COMPETITION

WOMEN'S INTRODUCTION TO POKER

FINTECH HACKATHON

**WORLDQUANT QUANT CHAMPIONSHIP
LAUNCH**

**INTRODUCTION TO SPRING WEEKS &
SPRING WEEK PANEL**

CV & COVER LETTER MASTERCLASS

OPTIONS 101

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CAREER PANEL

LINKEDIN PHOTOSHOOT

**SELL-SIDE AND NETWORKING
MASTERCLASS**

COMMUNITY MARKET DISCUSSIONS

POKER TOURNAMENTS

**SUMMER INTERNSHIP AND APPLICATION
PANEL**

TRADING ACADEMY: STOCK PITCHES

& much more...





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The Year in Focus

A LOOK AT THE KEY EVENTS WHICH DEFINED OUR 2025/26 YEAR. FROM FRESHERS' WEEK THROUGH TO OUR SPONSORED EVENTS AND ACADEMIES ACROSS BOTH TERMS.

WE KICKED OFF THE YEAR WITH OUR BIGGEST FRESHERS' WEEK YET!

Monday & Tuesday: Meet WARWICK FINANCE SOCIETIES

From our stand at WBS to our gazebo at the Piazza, and the WBS Fair, we gave students every opportunity to meet the team, learn about what WFS does, and pick up free merch!



Wednesday: Welcome to WARWICK FINANCE SOCIETIES & Meet the Exec

Wednesday brought our flagship Welcome to WFS presentation, where we introduced our divisions, upcoming events, and how students could get involved. This was followed by a Meet the Exec session at the Oculus Concourse, giving members the chance to speak directly with the executive team over refreshments and cookies.



Thursday: Student Union Fair & Market Discussions

We welcomed students from all years and degree backgrounds at the SU fair and signed up a record number of new members across the day. The afternoon closed with our first Markets Discussions of the year, setting the tone for our longest-standing weekly series.



Friday: Pub Crawl

We hosted a Pub Golf night in Leamington Spa, giving new students the chance to get to know fellow members, make friends, and experience life outside of campus in a fun and relaxed setting.

Saturday: Women in Finance Mixer

The week wrapped up with our Women in Finance Social. An afternoon of games, conversation, and free pizza, open to all years and degree backgrounds. A relaxed and welcoming way to round off an action-packed week.



Across the first two weeks of term, we hosted introductory sessions across every division. These events gave new members a clear and accessible first look at each area of finance and how WFS can support their journey into the industry.

INTRODUCTION TO ALTERNATIVES

INTRODUCTION TO FINTECH

INTRODUCTION TO DIVERSITY

INTRODUCTION TO QUANT

**INTRODUCTION TO INVESTMENT
BANKING**

**INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN IN
FINANCE**

**INTRODUCTION TO TRADING
ACADEMY**

INTRODUCTION TO MARKETS



**WE HELD 'INTRO TO' SESSIONS THROUGHOUT
THE FIRST FEW WEEKS OF TERM 1**

SPONSORED EVENTS

Throughout the year, we partnered with leading firms to bring exclusive campus presentations, networking evenings, and industry insights directly to Warwick.

 **BARCLAYS** **CAMPUS PRESENTATION & NETWORKING (x2)**

CAMPUS PRESENTATION & NETWORKING  **BANK OF AMERICA**

 **CCI** **CAMPUS PRESENTATION & NETWORKING**

CAMPUS PRESENTATION & NETWORKING



Houlihan Lokey

 **Fidelity** **MASTERCLASS, CAMPUS PRESENTATION & NETWORKING**
INTERNATIONAL



BARCLAYS WOMEN'S OFFICE INSIGHT DAY  **BARCLAYS**

NOMURA **AN INTRODUCTION TO NOMURA**

CAMPUS PRESENTATION & DINNER:
'AN EVENING WITH MARKETS'

JPMorganChase



Deutsche Bank

INSIGHT FOR STEM STUDENTS

CAMPUS PRESENTATION & NETWORKING

**WELLS
FARGO**



ORCHARD
GLOBAL

PRESENTATION & AMPLIFYME SIMULATION

UBS (HOLT) CAMPUS PRESENTATION



UBS

LAZARD

CAMPUS PRESENTATION & NETWORKING

CAMPUS PRESENTATION & BRAIN DEMO

**WORLD
QUANT**



COFFEE CHAT & CAMPUS PRESENTATION

DUBLIN OFFICE VISIT



SUSQUEHANNA



Point 72

COFFEE CHATS & CAMPUS PRESENTATION

STOCK PITCH COMPETITION



SUSQUEHANNA

POKER TOURNAMENT

INTERNATIONAL QUANT CHAMPIONSHIP LAUNCH

**WORLD
QUANT**

DE Shaw & Co



AppWizzy

FINTECH HACKATHON

ANNUAL QUANT CHAMPIONSHIP



**WORLD
QUANT**



SUSQUEHANNA

DE Shaw & Co



We ran three structured programmes to give members practical knowledge that goes beyond single events. Members were able to build their technical skills and confidence.

TRADING ACADEMY

NEW

A hands-on series designed to build practical trading knowledge.

[LEARN MORE](#)

FINANCE 101

NEW

Designed to make finance more accessible, students cover fundamentals on divisions, concepts, and opportunities across the industry.

[LEARN MORE](#)

INVESTMENT BANKING ACCELERATOR

Our Investment Banking Accelerator returned this year in a revised format. We introduced interactive financial models for members to work through live, alongside a formal certification for those who completed the full series. The programme covered everything from financial statement analysis to merger models, giving members a practical and structured path to interview readiness.

UPDATED



WARWICK
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Division Roundup

AN OVERVIEW OF HOW EACH OF OUR DIVISIONS PERFORMED ACROSS THE YEAR, COVERING STANDOUT MOMENTS, NOTABLE INITIATIVES, AND THE IMPACT THEY HAD ON OUR MEMBERS.

INVESTMENT BANKING



12

**IB Accelerator
Series Sessions**

16

**Events
This Year**

WFS' Investment Banking Division delivered **16 events** this academic year. The division revamped its **IB Accelerator Series** to include interactive financial modelling challenges, and collaborated with Markets, Alternatives, and with Careers for a **Breaking into Investment Banking panel**. The division also hosted the inaugural **UK & Europe Financial Restructuring Competition** and the **UK & Europe M&A Competition**, attracting **1200+ participants**. Through these initiatives, students were given a thorough breakdown of Investment Banking and practical opportunities to develop their experience.



WFS' Markets Division hosted a range of event series throughout the year, including the **flagship Market Discussions**, focused on building commercial awareness, and the **inaugural Trading Academy series** delivered in collaboration with the Insights Division.

19 Markets Discussions

30+ Events This Year

Through partnerships with **Onyx Commodities** and **HSBC Asset Management**, the division provided students with practical insights and simulations into trading, macroeconomic developments, and the dynamics of financial markets.

MARKETS



QUANTITATIVE FINANCE

150+ participants in the Quant Annual Championship



15 Events This Year

WFS hosted the **Annual Quant Championship**, a high-intensity competition designed to develop the speed and analytical thinking required in quantitative finance. Participants competed across rounds of **mental maths**, **estimation challenges**, and **brainteasers**, alongside a **live trading round** conducted through a **simulated order book**. Supported by leading industry sponsors including **Susquehanna (SIG)**, **D.E. Shaw**, **WorldQuant**, and **Capital One**, and featuring a **£1,000+ prize pool**, the event gave students the opportunity to apply quantitative reasoning and decision-making in a competitive trading environment.

FINTECH



WFS' flagship **FinTech Week** with its highly anticipated highlight, the **FinTech Hackathon**, featured **senior industry speakers** including the Co-Founder of Tezos, a Director at Trilitech, the UK CEO and General Manager for Kraken, the Founder and CEO of Atom Bank, and the Chief Risk Officer of Two Sigma. Other events included an **Introduction to FinTech** and **Beginner's Guide to Coding**.

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Industry leading speakers

Days of FinTech Hackathon





WFS' Alternatives Division hosted introductory sessions covering **Private Equity, Private Credit, Real Estate, and Infrastructure**, alongside technical workshops such as a **Private Equity Deal Walkthrough** and **LBO Modelling** delivered in collaboration with the Investment Banking Division. The division also facilitated industry engagement through a **fireside chat with Marcos Alvarez Conde, Managing Director at EQT Group**, giving students direct insights into careers in alternative investments.

ALTERNATIVES



70+

**STUDENTS
ATTENDED 'Beat
the Benchmark'**

10

**EVENTS
THIS YEAR**

CAREERS

This year, WFS' Careers Division hosted a variety of standalone events and workshops aimed at increasing the **application success rate of our members**. This included a **spring week panel** attracting **600+ attendees**, CV clinics resulting in **almost 400 CVs reviewed**, and a new and improved **1-1 interview guidance scheme** providing personalised guidance to **35 members**. Throughout the second half of the year, we additionally launched a new **WFS Quant Macro Research Project** to allow students to get involved in work that can improve their technical skills. Via these events, Careers have continued to equip students with the skills, guidance, and hands-on experience to secure internships and develop professional readiness.

600+
**Spring Week
Panel Attendees**

~400
CVs Reviewed



110+ Attendees at the PJT Campus Presentation

WFS' Diversity Division launched the **inaugural Finance 101 programme**, a 10-week course introducing students from **non-traditional backgrounds to careers in finance**, and co-organised the first **Warwick x Imperial UK & Europe Financial Restructuring Competition**. The division also hosted **PJT Partners' first campus presentation at Warwick**, attracting **110+ attendees**, mentored over **30 students** individually, and achieved a **75% placement rate** among supported members.

DIVERSITY



>75% **Placement rate
among supported
members**

WOMEN IN FINANCE

WFS' Women in Finance Division hosted the flagship **ELEVATE Women in Finance Shard Conference**, bringing together **students** and **senior industry professionals** to discuss **careers**, **leadership**, and **opportunities across the financial sector**. The division also organised community events such as the **International Women's Day Sip & Paint** and a **Women in Finance Poker Social**, helping build a strong and supportive network within the society. Alongside these events, the team delivered the **ELEVATE Skills Series**, which included **mentorship launches**, **career panels**, and **skills workshops** designed to support members in developing **industry knowledge**, **confidence**, and practical **career readiness in finance**.

100+

**Attendees in
ELEVATE Shard
Conference**



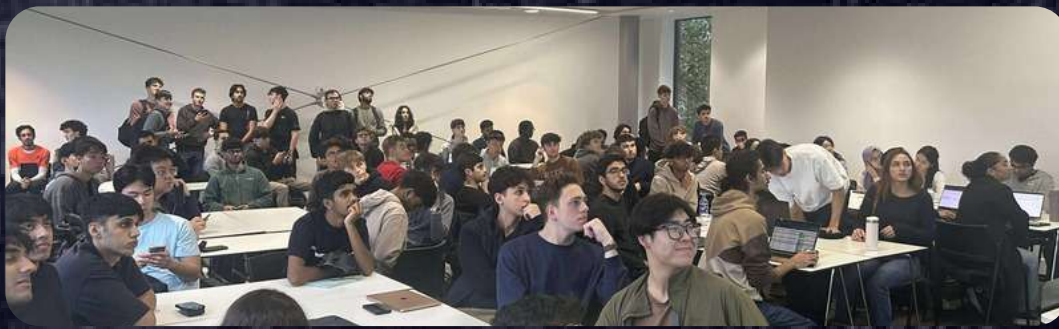
SPEAKERS SERIES

WFS' Speaker Series hosted 12 events followed by **private networking sessions**, featuring senior industry leaders including Helen Jewell, **International CIO of BlackRock Fundamental Equities**; Richard Sheppard, **UK Co-Head of Investment Banking at J.P. Morgan**; Luis Oganés, **Head of Global Macro Research at J.P. Morgan**; Vathany Vijayaratna, **CEO of Deutsche Bank UK & Ireland**; Paul Sheard, **former Global Chief Economist at S&P Global, Nomura, and Lehman Brothers**; and Joe Little, **Global Chief Strategist at HSBC Asset Management**. These sessions gave students **direct exposure** to insights on **market movements, macroeconomics**, and leadership, while also providing **practical guidance on recruitment** and breaking into competitive careers in finance.



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INDUSTRY LEADERS



ALUMNI

The WFS Alumni Network connected current students with a growing community of over **260 Warwick graduates** working across finance. The initiative also **expanded its LinkedIn network** to more than **4,700 professionals** and launched a dedicated **Alumni Community page** to strengthen engagement with alumni and sponsor firms. By creating **stronger connections** between **university and industry**, the network helped students access **mentorship, career insights**, and opportunities within the **wider WFS community**.

260+ Warwick Graduates **4.7k+** professionals on LinkedIn



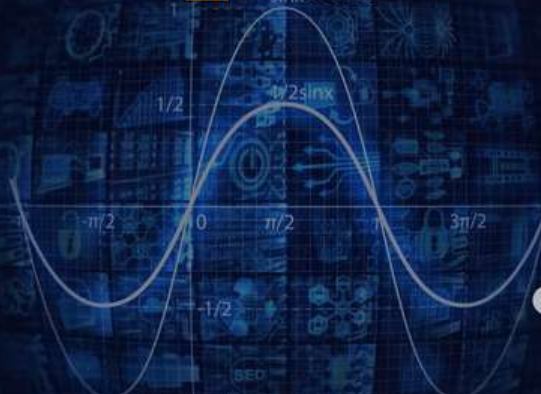
SHARD



WFS hosted its **flagship Shard Conferences** across the **buy-side, sell-side, and ELEVATE: Women in Finance**, bringing together **students and senior professionals** from **leading global financial institutions**. Speakers from firms including **BlackRock, J.P. Morgan, Citi, Rothschild & Co, Moelis & Company, Nomura, PJT Partners, Barclays, Fidelity International, and UBS** shared insights into areas such as **investment banking, asset management, private markets, and sustainable finance**. Each conference featured panel discussions on **market trends, investment strategy, and career development**, followed by networking sessions where students engaged directly with **industry professionals** to gain practical insight into careers across the financial sector.

MATHEMATICAL FINANCE MAGAZINE





**INTRODUCTION TO THE
MATHEMATICAL FINANCE
MAGAZINE**

Explore how maths meets markets in the Mathematical Finance Magazine introduction session!

**MATH FINANCE
MAGAZINE**
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

30.10.25 | THURSDAY | 1-2PM
•• **£0.19**

WFS' Financial Magazine Division released its **6th edition** this year, featuring **12 in-depth quantitative articles** from over **40 contributor sign-ups**, the **highest article count in the magazine's history**. The division also established a **partnership with WorldQuant**, enabling contributors to **backtest trading strategies** on the **Brain platform** and incorporate them into their research. Dedicated sessions introduced the platform and the foundations of strategies such as **momentum** and **mean reversion**, supporting members in progressing towards becoming **compensated consultants**.

40 Contributors

12 Articles in the
6th edition

INSIGHTS

WFS' Insights Division produced 19 weekly market and technical posts on Instagram, providing students with regular analysis and commentary, including a 2026 Market Outlook post. The division also delivered two AmplifyME simulations, a Trading Simulation and an Investment Banking Modelling Simulation, and organised the Orchard Global x AmplifyME event. In addition, Insights co-ran the Trading Academy series with the Markets Division, which won the Best Series award, and led the WFS x Fidelity Stock Pitch Competition with support from Markets. Through both digital content and practical events, Insights provided students with exposure to market trends, technical skills, and hands-on investment experience.

500+

**Sign-ups for
Trading Academy**

35+

**Stock Pitch
Entries**



INVESTMENT FUND

1 Report

3 Competitions

WFS' Investment Fund Division launched the **Warwick Finance Society Investment Fund**, establishing a structured, fundamentals-driven investment platform within the society. The Fund is currently being developed in coordination with the **Warwick Students' Union**, with the funding structure and capital sourcing framework outlined ahead of an expected launch in Term 3. The division also produced its first in-depth equity research report on **Rolls-Royce Holdings** and an internal research report on **Ero Copper**, building the Fund's analytical framework. In addition, the team represented WFS in national competitions including **Oxford Varsity**, **UBS**, **Citadel**, **Fidelity**, and **CapitOx**, developing investment theses on **Charter Communications**, **Ero Copper**, and a strategic acquisition proposal of **Marqeta** by **Goldman Sachs**.

SOCIALS

The WFS Socials Division focused on creating **memorable events** that brought members together **beyond professional settings**. Throughout the year, the division organised themed club nights such as **Y2K (Smack)**, **Back to 2016 (Neon)**, and **WFS: Iced Out**, alongside community events including the **WFS Christmas Dinner**. In addition to large-scale external events, the team also hosted internal socials such as dinners and bowling to **strengthen connections within the WFS community**.

2000

Attendees across
major socials



BALL

WFS hosted its annual WFS Ball 2026 at Chesford Grange Hotel, welcoming around **200 members** of the society to celebrate the year's achievements. The evening followed a Mafia: **Midnight in Sicily** theme and featured a **red-carpet reception**, **three-course dinner**, and entertainment including a **magician**, **cabaret** and **fire dancers**, **horses**, a **DJ**, and **WFS casino tables**, alongside highlights such as the **magazine photo booth** and **chocolate fountain**. The event also included an **awards presentation** recognising members who contributed to the society's success, providing a memorable conclusion to the WFS year.

SPORTS

WFS' Sports Division promoted **community and wellbeing** within the society by encouraging **teamwork, decision-making,** and **a healthy lifestyle** alongside **academic and professional development**. The division's **Netball** and **Football** teams represented WFS in **intramural competitions, strengthening connections across communities**. This year, the team participated in the **Mixed Netball Intramural League** for the first time in WFS history and **won the league in Term 1**, competed in the **Intramural Football Sunday League**, and organised an **Exec 5-a-side** football social.

124 Goals scored in 6 Matches



1st Place for Netball Term 1



TOUR

WFS' Tour Division organised the society's **annual Mystery Tour**, which this year took members to **Blackpool** for a day of **social activities and exploration**. The trip included **mini golf, amusement rides, group games,** and a **traditional fish and chips meal**, giving members the chance to experience the **seaside town together**. Through a mix of **activities and shared experiences**, the event provided an **opportunity for members to relax and strengthen connections** within the WFS community.



SPONSORSHIPS



17
New
Sponsors

3x
Funding
for WFS

WFS' Sponsorships Division connected **leading financial institutions** with **Warwick's top student talent** through presentations, networking events, dinners, and coffee chats. This year, the division introduced new initiatives including a **Fidelity Masterclass**, **internship fast tracks**, and a **Susquehanna WFS-exclusive Insight Day**, while also supporting other divisions through **sponsor-facilitated speakers** and **firm involvement** in flagship competitions such as the **Stock Pitch**, **Rx Competition**, and our **inaugural Hackathon**. The division has effectively grown the network to **24 sponsors** and established the **largest partner network** of any **student finance society in Europe**.



STRATEGY AND MARKETING

This year's strategy focused on rapid digital growth, consistent content, and targeted collaborations to expand reach and engagement. We delivered **over 200 Instagram posts**, driving an increase of **2,400+ new followers**, while **LinkedIn** grew by **925 followers** with **6-7 million profile views** every academic year. **WhatsApp, Instagram, and LinkedIn** were used in parallel to maximise visibility and event conversion.

2.4k+ New IG followers

1K New LinkedIn followers

We marketed **12 collaborations** with partner societies and **27 with companies**, boosting our branding across campus and the industry.

Industry Engagement



A LOOK AT THE SENIOR INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS AND WFS ALUMNI WHO JOINED US, SHARING THEIR INSIGHTS WITH THE COMMUNITY.

Industry Guests

This year, our **Speaker Series** welcomed the following industry leaders to Warwick:



Alon Avner:
Former Head of Credit
Europe



James Brodie:
Head of Learning
& Development



Anthony Cheung:
Chief Content and Culture
Officer



John Cogman:
Chief Investment
Officer



Helen Jewell:
International CIO for
Fundamental Equities



Joe Little:
Global Chief Strategist
HSBC Asset Management



Luis Oganés:
Global Head of
Macro Research



Sabry Salman:
Global Head of Financial
Institutions for Global
Treasury Coverage



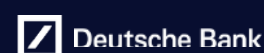
Paul Sheard:
Vice Chairman



Richard Sheppard:
Co-Head of UK
Investment Banking



Vathany Vijayaratna:
CEO (UK & Ireland)



Across all events, we were proud to **host representatives** from the following firms:

LAZARD **NOMURA** millennium LEHMAN BROTHERS citi®

HSBC J.P.Morgan UBS BainCapital



FLAGSHIPS

OUR MOST ANTICIPATED EVENTS AND COMPETITIONS OF THE YEAR.

FLAGSHIP EVENTS

SELL-SIDE SHARD CONFERENCE

WFS hosted its flagship Sell-Side Shard Conference 2025, connecting students with professionals **across investment banking and capital markets**. The event featured speakers from **J.P. Morgan, Citi, Rothschild & Co, Moelis & Company, Nomura, PJT Partners, and Barclays Investment Bank**, providing insight into divisions including M&A, Restructuring, Sales & Trading, and Equity Research.



The conference opened with a **panel discussion** on **market trends, leadership**, and how firms are adapting to an evolving industry. This was followed by a **networking session** where students engaged with professionals from a range of teams, with additional firms in attendance including **Bank of America, Deutsche Bank, Lazard, and UBS**.

BUY-SIDE SHARD CONFERENCE

WFS hosted its flagship Buy-Side Shard Conference, bringing together students and professionals from across asset management and private markets. The event featured speakers from **BlackRock, Access Capital Partners, and Fidelity International**, alongside professionals from **Castleton Commodities International, Blackstone, and Brevan Howard**.



The conference opened with a panel discussion on the **current investment landscape**, how **buy-side investors** generate ideas, manage risk, and develop investment edge. This was followed by a networking session where students **engaged directly with industry professionals** to discuss investment processes and career paths on the buy-side. 32

CV & COVER LETTER CLINIC



Our biggest clinic to date saw over **300 one-to-one slots** fully filled as students prepared for spring week, internship, and graduate application cycles. Attendees received **tailored feedback** from successful internship holders on CV structure, bullet-point refinement, and adapting applications to specific firms and divisions.



SPRING WEEK PANEL

650

Attendees

Our Spring Week Panel brought together executive members who **secured spring weeks** at firms including J.P. Morgan, Morgan

Stanley, Barclays, Blackstone, Evercore, and Jane Street, sharing practical and experience-driven insight into navigating the full application process. Attendees left with clear guidance on what makes a **successful spring week candidate**, covering everything from written applications to HireVues and interviews.

>30

**Offers represented by
panelist**

LINKEDIN PHOTOSHOOT

Our annual LinkedIn Photoshoot gave students the opportunity to receive a high-quality **professional headshot**, shot by our in-house photographer. The opportunity was open to all years and degree backgrounds. This initiative is part of our ongoing commitment to providing practical career support.

ELEVATE: SHARD CONFERENCE



WFS hosted the 2026 ELEVATE Women in Finance Conference at The **Shard**, bringing together ambitious **female and non-binary** students with senior industry professionals to explore careers across finance. The conference welcomed panelists from **Bank of America**, **UBS**, **Perella Weinberg**, and more, offering



attendees insights into career journeys across corporate banking, sustainable finance, investment banking, and leadership. The panel was followed by a **networking**

reception where students connected directly with Warwick alumni.

100+
Participants

6
Panelists

4
Speakers

400+
Attendees



FINTECH WEEK

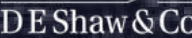


WFS hosted its flagship **FinTech Week**, delivering a series of events exploring the evolving relationship between **finance and technology**. The programme featured four industry-leading speakers covering areas including **blockchain technology**, **digital assets**, **neobanks**, and **quantitative finance**. Students heard insights from the **Co-Founder of Tezos**, the **UK CEO and General Manager of Kraken**, the **Founder and CEO of Atom Bank**, and the **Chief Risk Officer of Two Sigma**, discussing topics such as the future of money and banking, building fintech companies, the role of technology on the buy-side, and pathways into careers in fintech.

COMPETITIONS

ANNUAL QUANT CHAMPIONSHIP

150+
SUBMISSIONS

 **SUSQUEHANNA**
 **D E Shaw & Co**  **Capital One**

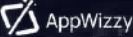
£1000
PRIZE POOL

WFS hosted the **Annual Quant Championship**, bringing together students to compete in a high-intensity **quantitative competition** designed to simulate the speed and pressure of **real quant assessments**. Participants competed across **three rounds** including **mental maths, estimation challenges, and brainteasers**, testing analytical thinking and problem-solving skills. The competition featured a **£1,000+ prize pool** and was supported by leading industry sponsors including **Susquehanna (SIG), D. E. Shaw, WorldQuant, and Capital One**. The event provided students with an opportunity to challenge themselves in a **competitive setting** while gaining exposure to the types of assessments used in quantitative finance recruitment.



FINTECH HACKATHON



 **D E Shaw & Co**  **Capital One**  **AppWizy**

£3000 **32**
PRIZE POOL PROJECTS

WFS hosted the **FinTech Hackathon**, a **two-day competition** bringing together students from a wide range of degrees to collaborate on **innovative technology-driven financial solutions**. Working in teams of two to five, participants developed and presented **fintech projects**, combining **coding, business strategy, and product design**.



The event featured a **£3,000 prize pool** and was supported by industry partners including **D.E. Shaw and Capital One**. Alongside the competition, participants benefited from **mentoring, workshops** and plenty of food, making the Hackathon **one of the society's largest events** of the year.



UK & EUROPE RESTRUCTURING COMPETITION



WFS hosted the **UK & Europe Financial Restructuring Competition 2026**, Europe's first-ever restructuring competition, bringing together students to develop financial restructuring solutions for a distressed company. Working in teams, participants analysed liquidity, cash flow, and capital structure challenges to construct and present a comprehensive restructuring strategy.

50+
SUBMISSIONS



£1000
PRIZE POOL

Finalists presented their proposals in London before a panel of Directors and senior professionals from firms including Houlihan Lokey, KKR, BNP Paribas, and Pemberton. The competition featured a £1,000 prize pool and provided students with practical experience in restructuring analysis, capital structure solutions, and distressed company advisory.

UK & EUROPE M&A COMPETITION

WFS hosted the **UK & Europe M&A Case Competition 2026**, Warwick's first Europe-wide M&A competition, bringing together students from leading universities to develop and present strategic acquisition proposals. Working in teams, participants built full investment theses combining strategy, valuation, and financial modelling to pitch the acquisition of a target company from the perspective of a mega-cap acquirer.

Finalists presented their proposals in London before a panel of finance professionals from firms including Nomura, PJT Partners, BGF and Neuberger Berman. The competition featured a £600 prize pool and provided students with practical experience in deal analysis, modelling, and investment decision-making.





WFS X FIDELITY STOCK PITCH COMPETITION

£500
PRIZE POOL



WFS hosted the **WFS x Fidelity Stock Pitch Competition**, the society's **flagship investing competition**, giving students the opportunity to develop and present detailed **investment theses**. Participants **analysed companies** and constructed **valuation-driven pitches**, progressing through **multiple rounds** before presenting in a **live final** judged by **professionals** from **Fidelity International**.

Supported by **Fidelity International**, a global asset manager with **over \$900bn in assets under management**, the competition provided participants with **professional feedback**, **industry exposure**, and hands-on experience in **equity research** and **investment analysis**. The event featured a **£500 prize pool** and offered students a valuable opportunity to build practical investing skills and strengthen applications for careers in finance.

35+
SUBMISSIONS



SUSQUEHANNA POKER TOURNAMENT

In partnership with **Susquehanna International Group**, WFS hosted its largest-ever on-campus poker tournament. Students competed across two days for cash prizes and Susquehanna merchandise, including a **custom poker set!**

140
COMPETITORS

£2700
PRIZE POOL





WARWICK
FINANCE SOCIETIES

NEW INITIATIVES



EACH YEAR, WFS LOOKS TO PUSH FURTHER. WE INTRODUCE NEW INITIATIVES TO BETTER SERVE OUR MEMBERS, BROADEN ACCESS, AND RAISE THE STANDARD OF WHAT WE DELIVER.

Finance 101

Feedback over the years showed that members believed our regular events assumed too much prior knowledge, making finance feel out of reach for those without a traditional background. Finance 101 was created to change that. Our newly established Diversity team curated a 10-week programme simplifying jargon and giving complete beginners a structured and accessible entry point into the industry. The series welcomed students from across the university, from engineering and politics to psychology and the humanities, and quickly became one of the most attended new additions to our calendar.

FinTech Hackathon

A brand new two-day competition giving students the opportunity to build and present technology-driven financial solutions. Supported by D.E. Shaw and Capital One with a £3,000 prize pool, it became one of our largest events of the year.

Investment Fund

The WFS Investment Fund was established this year as a fundamentals-driven group within the society. The division produced its first equity research report on Rolls-Royce and represented WFS in national competitions. The Fund is being developed in coordination with the Warwick Students' Union, with its full launch expected in Term 3, marking a step towards WFS having a presence in investment management.

Restructuring Competition

Europe's first inter-university student restructuring competition (and WFS' first inter-university competition) attracted 500+ registrations from 135 teams across leading universities in the UK and Europe. Participants developed restructuring solutions for distressed companies, with finalists presenting at Imperial College London before a panel of senior industry professionals.

Trading Academy

Launched in collaboration between the Markets and Insights divisions, the Trading Academy was created to give members structured, hands-on exposure to global markets. Across the series, students explored how markets move, what roles across Sales, Trading, Research, and Structuring actually look like, and how to form and communicate a market view. Through interactive sessions and simulations, 100+ students experienced the principles of market making first-hand, before putting their knowledge into practice through research reports and live stock pitches. With 500+ sign-ups and consistently strong attendance throughout, the series exceeded all expectations.

Shard Conference Travel Reimbursement

WFS introduced a travel subsidy for selected state school students invited to our Shard Conferences. Recognising that such barriers exist, the initiative ensured that our most prestigious events were open to all high-potential candidates regardless of their financial background.

Website

An upgraded website launched this year, giving members a cleaner and more accessible hub for everything WFS.

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Career Guides

Four comprehensive guides covering CV writing, cover letters, spring week applications, and summer internship preparation. The guides were built from the experiences of successful applicants and designed to give members a clear and practical resource at every stage of the recruitment cycle.

Domestic Tour

After a hiatus, the domestic tour made its return. This year taking members to Blackpool for a day of mini golf, amusement rides, and fish and chips!

1-to-1 Interview Prep

For the first time, members with confirmed interview invites could book a dedicated 20-minute session with a careers exec who had interviewed at the same firm or for a similar role.

Netball Team

Launched to encourage greater female participation in the social side of WFS, the Netball team entered the Mixed Netball Intramural League, and won it in Term 1!

Newsletter

Reintroduced this year to keep members consistently informed, the newsletter delivered weekly market updates and technical insights, helping members stay engaged with the society and interview-ready throughout the year.

Sponsor Calendar

With 20+ sponsors and over 150 events on the calendar, keeping members informed efficiently had become a challenge. We launched a dedicated [Sponsor Calendar](#). This is a single, accessible hub listing every sponsor event with firm details, event format, and sign-up links, making it easier than ever for members to stay on top of opportunities.

WFS Guide

Ahead of the new academic year, WFS launched a dedicated Instagram guide giving prospective and incoming members a clear and accessible overview of everything the society has to offer. Covering our divisions, flagship events, career support, and how to get involved, the guide was designed to ensure that no student arrived at Warwick without knowing what WFS could do for them.

Black History Month Panel

WFS celebrated Black History Month for the first time with a dedicated careers panel and networking session, run in collaboration with Prosper and supported by a number of Black professional societies on campus. The event gave a platform to students and professionals from Black backgrounds to share their experiences and insights on breaking into finance.



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A YEAR IN REVIEW

WORDS FROM OUR MEMBERS

"Warwick Finance Societies has helped me in more ways than I thought it would have when I first joined. Every question I had and every piece of advice I wanted could be answered with WFS, whether by attending events, speaking to the Exec or taking part in competitions. Despite being set on Investment Banking, WFS has such an interesting range of divisions and events that have allowed me to explore markets, fintech, alternatives, and feel much more well rounded as a person interested in finance. **The technical events and the careers events have been perfect for recruitment, I've landed multiple Investment Banking offers and the initial advice from the Spring Week panel and CV clinic was the perfect launchpad.** There's a great community at WFS, people are always willing to help and give advice. The standout of course is the speakers and sponsors that WFS bring in, I've been able to get 3 referrals at top Investment Banks from reaching out to people that WFS brought to campus, and the Sponsor Campus Presentations they run has given me so many unique insights for my cover letters and interviews."

Saul Seifert-Anderson, BSc MORSE, Year 2

"WFS has played a significant role in my development as a member. The wide range of divisions ensures that events are not limited to a single area of finance, allowing me to explore fields I had little prior exposure to, such as commodities markets, private equity, and hedge funds. **The frequency of events means there are consistently opportunities to learn and engage.** The executive team is approachable and supportive, offering valuable guidance during applications. **Additionally, the active community has enabled me to build strong connections with like-minded individuals.**"

Sheli Patel, BSc Computer Science, Year 1

"Warwick Finance Societies means a lot to me because it isn't just the place where I can learn more about finance or improve my career opportunities but a place which caused me to grow as an individual.

I have truly learnt what excellence means from being a part of the society. I truly learnt what community meant while engaging in the society. I understand now that it isn't just the biggest society on campus due to prestige but due to the sheer effort it puts into running its numerous events, into communicating with sponsors, and into doing everything to the highest possible quality."

Jammal Othman, BAsc Global Sustainable Development, Year 1

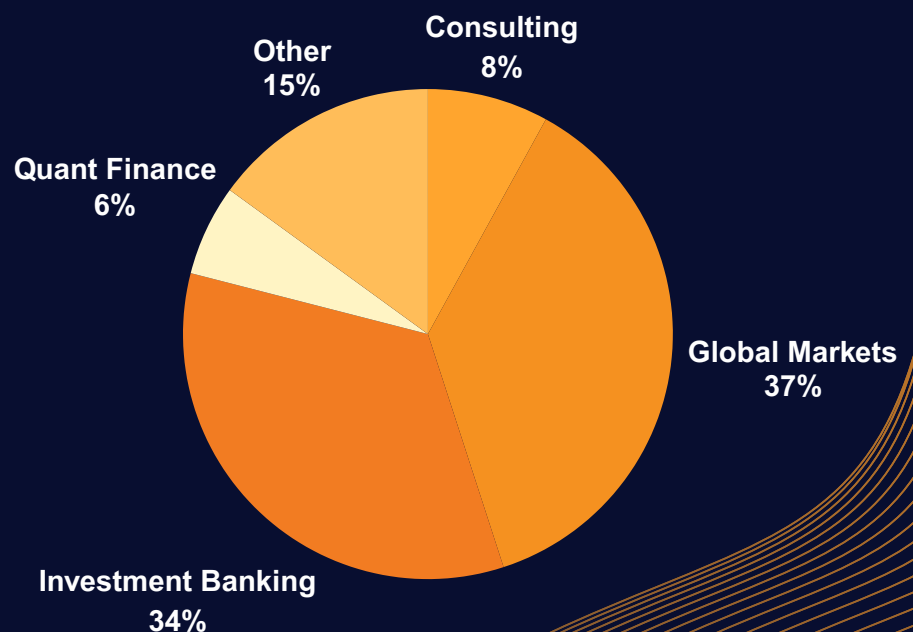
"Being a member of WFS has significantly contributed to my personal, academic, and social development. Events such as IB Accelerators, Market Discussions, and Options 101 have provided a holistic overview to finance, helping me grasp key concepts I was previously unfamiliar with. **The society's strong support network has also been invaluable, allowing me to build meaningful friendships and gain insightful advice from peers.** Additionally, engaging with firms has boosted my confidence and offered practical experience as a first year.

Overall, I really enjoy WFS as a member as it pushes me to learn and develop, whilst providing a support system to help me achieve my goals."

Shean Wenn Wong, BSc MORSE, Year 1

Our members landed spring weeks, summer internships, placements, off-cycles, and graduate schemes at the following firms:

Ares Management
Bank of America Merrill Lynch
Barclays
BCG
Berenberg Bank
BlackRock
Blackstone
BNP Paribas
Brevan Howard
CD&R
Citadel
Citi
D. E. Shaw & Co
Deutsche Bank
Evercore
EDF Trading
Fidelity International
Glencore
Goldman Sachs
HSBC
Houlihan Lokey
IMC
Jane Street
Jefferies
J.P. Morgan
KKR
Lazard
McKinsey & Co
Millennium Management
Moelis
Morgan Stanley
National Grid
Nomura
Natwest
Optiver



Perella Weinberg Partners
PJT Partners
Point72
Qube Research & Technologies
Raymond James
RBC Capital Markets
Rothschild & Co.
Scotiabank
Standard Chartered
Susquehanna International Group
UBS
Visa
Wells Fargo

CLOSING WORDS

As this report draws to a close, it offers a moment to reflect on what the past year has represented.

Looking back, it is easy to focus on scale, whether it is the number of events delivered, the size of the membership, or the range of initiatives introduced. **Yet, what stays with us more are the smaller moments that sit behind those numbers.**

It is the first-year attending their first event and coming back week after week. The queues of students waiting for CV reviews in the lead-up to application deadlines. The time and effort members invest into preparing for applications, and the shared sense of excitement when those efforts translate into offers. The conversations after events that run well past their scheduled finish, where ideas and advice are shared openly. The persistence behind the scenes to bring leading names from across the industry onto campus. The constant feedback between members, executives, and sponsors which shapes what WFS becomes. And the teams that spend weeks building new programmes from the ground up, not because they have to, but because they want to create something genuinely valuable for others.

Those are the moments that define what Warwick Finance Societies represents.

We are proud of what has been delivered this year, but more importantly, of the standard that has been set. This is reflected in how the society operates, how people treat one another, and how seriously individuals take the responsibility of contributing to it. One of the defining aspects of WFS has always been our culture. We uphold a willingness to support one another, share knowledge openly, and contribute beyond what is expected. Maintaining that environment is as important as any individual initiative or milestone.

We would like to **thank our sponsors** for their continued partnership and engagement. Their involvement plays a central role in connecting students with the industry and enabling many of the opportunities outlined in this report.

To the **executive team**, whose work is often not visible externally but is essential to everything that takes place, we are grateful. The consistency and standard of execution across the year are a direct result of your effort.

Finally, **to our members**, your engagement is what gives the society its purpose. WFS only works if people choose to be part of it, and this year, that commitment to learning, improving, and supporting one another has been evident throughout. The value of WFS ultimately depends on the extent to which it is used, challenged, and built upon by those within it.

The incoming team inherits a strong position, but also a responsibility to keep pushing things forward. There is still much more that can be done, and we look forward to seeing how the society continues to evolve.

We do not doubt that the best years of Warwick Finance Societies are still ahead.

Iyin Olubajo & Timothy Lee

Co-Presidents, Warwick Finance Societies 2025/26

On behalf of the WFS Board & Executive Team 2025/26

