



# CMTA CONVERSATIONS: The Economy, Markets and a Brief Look at How Narratives Influence Events

## DATE & TIME:

Tuesday, October 22, 2019 | 11:30am – 1pm

## LOCATION:

City of Newport Beach  
Community Room  
100 Civic Center Drive  
Newport Beach, CA 92660

## COST:

FREE to CMTA members  
\$30 for non-members



## PRESENTER:

Chris Ahrens  
Managing Director- Senior  
Market Strategist

Chris Ahrens is a Senior Market Strategist at Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, and he has more than 30 years experience in the fixed income and financial markets.

As a member of Stifel’s Financial Strategies Group, he works side-by-side with institutions to review their investment portfolios and recommend appropriate strategies. He also regularly writes commentary about financial markets and monetary policy.

Prior to joining Stifel, Chris was the Senior Interest Rate and Fixed Income Strategist for a global macro hedge fund. He also served as Head of U.S. Interest Rate Strategy at UBS, and previously held positions in sales, trading, and portfolio management at Bear Stearns & Co., Morgan Stanley & Co., Bankers Trust, and Brown Brothers Harriman & Co.

Chris received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Harvard University. He holds his Series 7, 24 and 63 licenses from the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority.

## SESSION DESCRIPTION:

Chris Ahrens, will provide a market veteran’s view of the current state of the economy, reviewing some of the standard markers for performance, as well as offering up some more idiosyncratic guideposts for monitoring activity. Building on that review, he will also highlight where he sees relative value across the spectrum of fixed income investments applicable to municipal portfolios. In addition, Chris will briefly discuss some of the developing thinking regarding “Narrative Economics” with a nod to the role played by social media in driving events.



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