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Statement From the President

2026 marks Global Investment Group's 25th anniversary, a milestone that reflects not only the longevity of the society but also shows the strength of the community built on by every generation of members before us.

As part of a renewed effort to strengthen our engagement with former members, I am pleased to introduce you to the first in a series of monthly reports that will be published throughout this year. These reports are intended to provide insight into the Group's activities, investment thinking and strategic direction, whilst also reaffirming the Group's commitment to promoting intellectual debate and fostering long-term relationships across the GIG network.

The past year has been an incredible year for the society, and I am really proud of the contributions made by all of our current members. This year saw a record number of applications to join the fund, a testament to GIG's reputation amongst the student community at St Andrews and has allowed us to welcome in an excellent group of individuals who have hit the ground running, bringing our number of analysts to 38, split across 10 sectors.

As a society we aim to demonstrate our financial education through positive performance, in conjunction with this we aim to help as many of our members attain internships and graduate positions as possible. I am really pleased with our progress across both of these goals, and I look forward to pursuing them further into 2026.

We warmly encourage past members to engage with us whether through sharing insights, offering guidance, or simply reconnecting with the society. We hope these monthly reports serve as a catalyst for dialogue, collaboration, and renewed involvement, ensuring that the Global Investment Group continues to benefit from the experience, perspective, and support of its wider alumni community.

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Portfolio Performance Update

Figure 1 indicates a net portfolio gain of 19.50%, compared with a 13.35% return for the S&P 500 in 2025. **Figure 2** provides a more detailed breakdown of individual portfolio performance, with positions purchased in December 2025 highlighted in bold.

Figure 1: Portfolio Performance

Current Portfolio Value (\$ USD)	20586.00	Net Gain (\$ USD)	3359.75
Initial Portfolio Value (\$ USD)	17226.25	Net Gain (%)	19.50%

Figure 2: Detailed Portfolio Performance

	Stock Holdings	Market Share Price (USD)	Price Paid (USD)	Total Gain (%)	Portfolio Weight (%)	Date Acquired
Consumer Discretionary	Compagnie Financière Richemont SA (OTCMKT: CFRHF)	199.11	217.99	-8.66%	1.93%	01/12/2025
Consumer Staples	US Foods Holding Corp (XNYS: USFD)	81.26	78.68	3.28%	4.34%	01/12/2025
Emerging Markets	Sociedad Química y Minera de Chile SA (XNYS: SQM)	85.48	42.05	103.28%	6.27%	02/11/2020
Financials	BNP Paribas (OTCMKT: BNPQY)	52.25	43.49	20.15%	2.28%	01/12/2025
	CME Group Inc (XNAS: CME)	282.74	179.97	57.10%	0.04%	05/05/2022
Healthcare	United Therapeutics Corporation (XNAS: UTHR)	468.94	238.33	96.76%	6.83%	20/12/2023
Industrials	Teck Resources Ltd (XNYS: TECK)	53.01	36.27	46.14%	6.98%	25/04/2022
	Siemens AG (OTCMKT: SMAWF)	303.22	265.45	14.23%	5.89%	01/12/2025
Metals and Mining	Newmont Corporation (XNYS: NEM)	124.30	42.45	192.82%	8.49%	19/12/2023
Real Estate	VICI Properties Inc (XNYS: VICI)	28.53	30.92	-7.75%	6.34%	19/12/2023
	Stag Industrial Inc (XNYS: STAG)	36.64	39.84	-8.04%	4.98%	25/04/2022
Technology	Leidos Holdings Inc (XNYS: LDOS)	191.10	109.08	75.19%	4.81%	19/12/2023
ETFS	Vanguard Long-Term Corporate Bond Index Fund ETF (XNAS: VCLT)	76.75	76.65	0.13%	24.34%	01/12/2025
	Vanguard Growth Index Fund ETF (ARCA: VUG)	483.44	490.43	-1.43%	16.46%	01/12/2025



Portfolio Segmentation

The GIG portfolio comprises equity investments across ten industries, with each industry covered by a team of three to four fund analysts. Under the Fund's traditional structure, each industry group presents one new stock recommendation per semester to the Fund Committee, which reaches an investment decision within the following week. Throughout the year, the Committee actively manages the portfolio by rebalancing positions and executing both purchases and sales, enabling the Fund to respond effectively to market fluctuations and investment opportunities.

During the past semester, the Fund adopted a revised format focused on reviewing existing portfolio holdings. Each industry group evaluated a current position within its sector and presented an updated investment recommendation to the Investment Committee. The Committee allocated most remaining capital to ETFs to preserve diversification and liquidity, with the intention of gradually reducing this exposure as higher-conviction opportunities emerge.

In the upcoming semester, the Fund expects to return to its traditional structure, with industry groups pitching new stock ideas and redeploying capital into direct equity investments.

Figure 3 displays the weight of each sector, calculated based on the current total value of the Fund's equity holdings in each sector. **Figure 4** illustrates the overall portfolio composition, including both equity positions and ETF allocations.

Figure 3: Equity Portfolio Segmentation by Industry Group

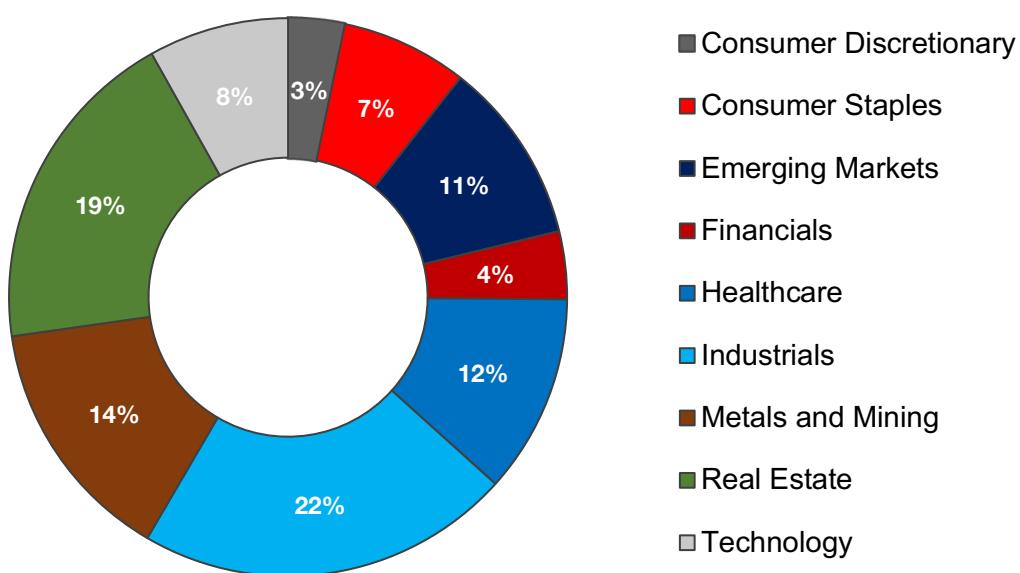
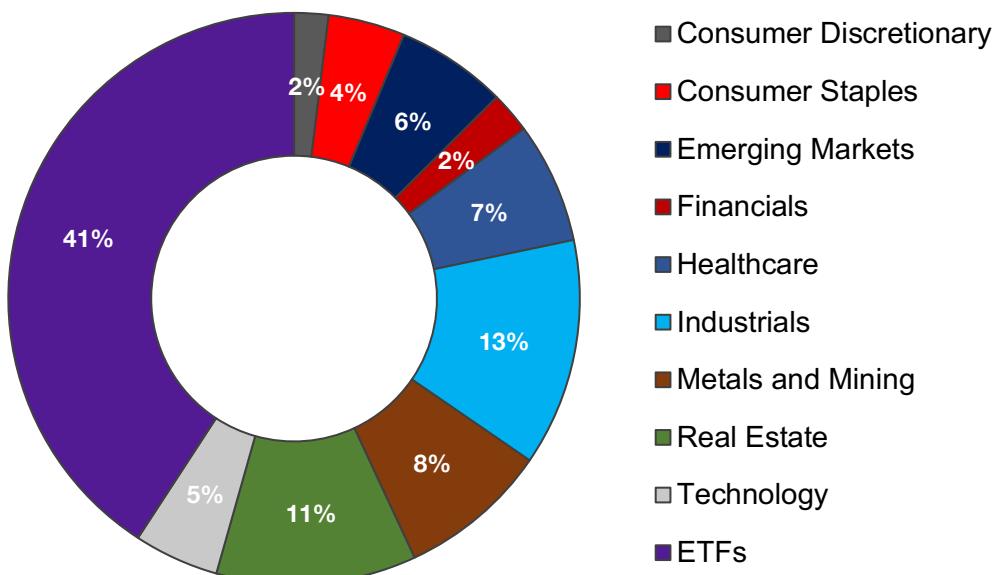


Figure 4: Overall Portfolio Composition



Fund Reporting Update

Fund Reports will be produced on a monthly basis, providing updates on portfolio positions, new holdings, and capital adjustments, alongside highlights from key society events. The first report of 2026 will include a more comprehensive overview of 2025, with detailed coverage of individual fund positions and a summary of the Fund's activity over the year.

Reports will be published on LinkedIn, with an email sign-up option available [here](#).



Current Holdings

Consumer Discretionary

Compagnie Financière Richemont SA (OTCMKT: CFRHF, \$199.11) is a global luxury goods group, distinguished by its exposure to high-end jewellery and disciplined brand management.

Richemont is a new holding in the portfolio, underpinned by its jewellery-led revenue mix, strong balance sheet, and net cash position. In the current macroeconomic environment, consumer demand has increasingly favoured more defensive segments of luxury consumption, with store-of-value purchases prioritised over trend-driven fashion. With jewellery Maisons accounting for over 70% of group sales, Richemont exhibits lower earnings volatility and greater revenue stability than peers, supported by a business model characterized by structurally higher margins and more resilient demand.

The group delivered a solid performance in the first half of FY2026, with sales increasing by approximately 9% year-on-year, accelerating to 14% year-on-year in the second quarter at constant exchange rates. Richemont exceeded consensus expectations despite unfavourable foreign exchange movements, softer Asian luxury demand, and elevated input costs. Cost discipline and pricing actions across its Maisons helped mitigate these headwinds. Earnings expectations remain robust, with consensus forecasts pointing to mid- to high-single-digit earnings growth over the next fiscal year.

Consumer Staples

US Foods Holding Corp (XNYS: USFD, \$81.26) is the second-largest broadline foodservice distributor in the United States, with approximately 14% market share, serving around 250,000 customer locations and generating FY2024 net sales of \$37.9 billion and net income of approximately \$0.5 billion. The position was increased in December 2025, reflecting continued confidence in the company's operating trajectory and relative valuation within the U.S. foodservice distribution oligopoly.

Since FY2022, revenue increased from \$34.1 billion to \$37.9 billion, while EBITDA expanded from \$1.0 billion to \$1.6 billion, driving EBITDA margin expansion from 3.0% to 4.1%. Margin improvement has been supported by private-label mix optimisation, increased digital ordering penetration, network rationalisation, and sustained cost discipline. Forward guidance indicates further operating leverage, with EBITDA margins expected to reach approximately 4.9% in FY2025 and trend toward the mid-5% range over the medium term.



Relative to peers, US Foods delivered stronger year-on-year revenue growth of 6.4% and generated a higher free cash flow yield of 5.3% while trading on comparable EV/EBITDA multiples, supporting the view of relative undervaluation. Supported by expanding margins, pricing power, stable demand, and a visible margin trajectory, the holding remains positioned to perform through a more challenging macroeconomic environment.

Emerging Markets

Sociedad Química y Minera de Chile (XNYS: SQM, \$85.48) is a global producer of specialty chemicals and mineral-based products, headquartered in Santiago, Chile. The company produces lithium, iodine, specialty fertilizers, and industrial chemicals, supplying end markets including clean energy, agriculture, technology, and healthcare. Its largest and most strategic production base is located in Northern Chile, benefiting from high-quality resource deposits and favourable operating conditions, complemented by additional facilities in Australia and China.

The global lithium and specialty chemicals industry is supported by strong structural demand driven by accelerating electrification, particularly electric vehicles and energy storage systems, with global lithium demand projected to grow 2-3x by 2034. Following a prolonged lithium price downturn that weighed on sector performance, pricing conditions have begun to stabilise, supporting a clearer medium-term recovery outlook.

SQM is a global leader across its core segments, with product diversification helping to mitigate volatility across commodity cycles. Long-term lithium supply agreements with major customers, including LG, Hyundai, and Kia, provide strong demand visibility, while the joint venture with Codelco secures continued access to Atacama operations beyond 2030, underpinning long-term margin and volume growth. Recent performance remains resilient, with 2025 Q3 earnings supported by record lithium sales volumes (43% year-on-year increase) and strong iodine pricing. Adjusted EBITDA reached \$404 million, reflecting a 24% year-on-year increase.

Financials

BNP Paribas (OTCMKT: BNPQY, \$52.25) has recorded a steadily increasing share price over the past year, supported by consistent earnings momentum, reinforcing its position as one of Europe's largest banking institutions by assets. Its integrated One Bank model, spanning retail banking, corporate and institutional banking, wealth management, and insurance, underpins earnings resilience and strengthens cross-divisional synergies.

In recent years, the group has expanded into higher-margin segments such as private markets and alternative investments, supported by strategic acquisitions including AXA Investment



Managers and HSBC's German private banking arm. This expansion is anchored in a clear focus on core European markets, where a comparatively stable macroeconomic and regulatory environment reduces geopolitical exposure while supporting operational continuity and long-term growth opportunities.

The bank's balance sheet remains strong, with a CET1 ratio of 12.9%, while management targets an EPS CAGR of 8% through 2026, driven by efficiency gains and disciplined reinvestment into growth areas. BNP Paribas also maintains a leadership position in sustainable finance, arranging \$62.5 billion in ESG-linked bonds and loans in 2023, alongside commitments to align 90% of energy financing with low-carbon sources by 2030 and to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050.

CME Group Inc. (XNAS: CME, \$282.74) rebounded strongly in 2025, with its share price climbing to all-time highs around mid-year on the back of record trading volumes. Average daily volume reached a historic 28.1 million contracts for the year (6% increase year-on-year), with new records across interest rate, energy, agricultural, metals, and cryptocurrency products. Elevated global market volatility and higher interest rates continued to drive hedging demand, benefiting CME's trading and clearing businesses.

During 2025, CME expanded its product offering through the launch of new derivatives, including options on Solana and XRP futures, broadening its cryptocurrency suite, and the introduction of Mortgage Rate futures to extend its interest rate franchise. In Q4, the company also introduced near-around-the-clock trading for crypto futures and selected event contracts, improving market access and liquidity.

Financial performance remains strong. Second-quarter revenue increased 10% year-on-year to a record \$1.7 billion, and the company extended its multi-year track record of quarterly earnings outperformance. Operating efficiency gains supported earnings growth despite more modest top-line expansion. Shareholder distributions remained substantial, with the Board declaring a \$5.80 per share annual variable dividend for 2024 (paid in January 2025) and authorising a new \$3 billion share repurchase programme, alongside regular quarterly dividends. With an estimated 90% global market share in futures trading and clearing, CME maintains a dominant competitive position. Its diversified product set and global reach position the firm to benefit from sustained macroeconomic uncertainty, which supports elevated trading volumes, and from the continued adoption of exchange-traded derivatives, including regulated crypto products.

Healthcare

United Therapeutics Corporation (XNAS: UTHR, \$468.94) is a U.S. biotechnology company focused on the development and commercialisation of therapies for rare and life-threatening diseases. Core operations are centred on pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH),



with four approved treatments: Tyvaso, Remodulin, Orenitram, and Adcirca, alongside Unituxin, an immunotherapy for high-risk paediatric neuroblastoma. Operations are primarily U.S.-based, with an expanding international footprint.

The company operates in a specialised niche with high barriers to entry and strong pricing power, supported by chronic PAH treatment demand and recurring revenues. Beyond PAH, United Therapeutics is expanding into adjacent pulmonary and fibrotic lung indications and longer-term organ transplantation opportunities, including bioengineered and xenotransplantation technologies. Differentiation is underpinned by a diversified PAH franchise and innovation-led pipeline, with Tyvaso's multi-format delivery supporting sustained uptake and clinical progress in idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis during 2024-2025 strengthening the long-term outlook. The public benefit corporation structure also formalises the alignment of patient outcomes with shareholder value.

In Q3 2025, revenues reached \$799.5 million (7% year-on-year growth), driven primarily by Tyvaso sales. Net income totalled \$338.7 million, with diluted EPS of \$7.16. Tyvaso revenues exceeded \$475 million, while operating margins remained elevated. The company maintains a conservative capital structure with minimal debt, strong free cash flow generation, and a substantial cash position, supporting ongoing R&D investment and shareholder returns.

Industrials

Teck Resources Limited (XNYS: TECK, \$53.01) operates in the mining, processing, and global sale of metals, providing portfolio exposure to copper and zinc amid structurally supportive long-term demand dynamics. Over the past two years, the company has undergone a material strategic transition, with revenues and margins initially pressured by commodity price volatility and higher financing costs, before stabilising following the divestment of its coal business in 2023. This transaction reduced balance sheet risk and sharpened Teck's focus on base metals, with copper and zinc now accounting for approximately 70-80% of group revenues.

Operationally, Teck produces around 2% of global copper supply and 1.9% of global refined zinc, supported by a high-quality asset base across Canada, Chile, and the United States. During the period, copper prices averaged approximately \$4.45/lb and zinc prices around \$1.29/lb, allowing the company to remain profitable despite weaker volumes and margin compression relative to prior cycle peaks.

From a valuation perspective, Teck trades at a discount to large, diversified peers on EV/EBITDA and EV/Revenue multiples, with an internal DCF analysis indicating approximately 20% upside. Financial risk remains contained, with net debt of around \$0.3 billion and liquidity of approximately \$9.5 billion, although earnings sensitivity to commodity price movements remains elevated.



The announced merger of equals with Anglo American has increased near-term uncertainty, introducing execution, regulatory, and pricing risk despite potential synergies of approximately £800 million and improved scale. In response, the Fund maintained its position size to preserve copper upside and longer-term strategic value, while implementing a stop-loss at \$36.5 to cap downside risk during the merger process.

Siemens AG (OTCMKT: SMAWF, \$303.22) delivered record results in fiscal 2025 (year ended 30 September 2025), supported by resilient industrial demand and its strategic focus on digital industries. Full-year revenue increased 4% on a nominal basis (5% comparable) to €78.9 billion, while net income rose 16% to a record €10.4 billion, marking the third consecutive year of record profitability. Growth was driven by the Digital Industries and Smart Infrastructure segments, which more than offset weaker performance in Mobility and ongoing challenges at Siemens Energy. Order momentum remained strong, with a book-to-bill ratio of 1.12.

Portfolio optimisation remained a priority under the ONE Tech Company programme, with increased focus on high-growth, high-tech areas. Siemens announced plans to deconsolidate its majority stake in Siemens Healthineers to unlock value, while pursuing targeted acquisitions to strengthen strategic capabilities. The \$5.1 billion acquisition of Dotmatics expands Siemens' presence in AI-enabled life sciences R&D software and extends the Xcelerator platform into drug discovery and laboratory applications. In addition, the integration of ebm-papst's Industrial Drives business in late 2025 added intelligent low-voltage drive systems for autonomous guided vehicles and robotics, enhancing the company's digital factory offering.

Innovation remained central in 2025, with increased investment in industrial automation and artificial intelligence. Siemens deepened its partnership with NVIDIA and introduced new AI-driven products, including the Digital Twin Composer, showcased at CES 2026. Siemens also continued its long history of shareholder returns, proposing a dividend increase to €5.35 per share for FY2025 and continuing execution of its share buyback programme. Looking ahead, Siemens expects a stable macroeconomic environment in fiscal 2026 and forecasts continued momentum in its industrial businesses, with Digital Industries targeting 5-10% comparable revenue growth and margins of 15-19%. Supported by record free cash flow of €10.8 billion, a streamlined portfolio, and a clear focus on digitalisation and automation, Siemens enters fiscal 2026 with strong fundamentals.

Real Estate

VICI Properties Inc. (XNYS: VICI, \$28.53) is a U.S. gaming-focused real estate investment trust (REIT) that owns a portfolio of experiential assets leased to gaming and hospitality operators under long-term, triple-net agreements. The investment is underpinned by highly predictable rental income generated through master leases, with a weighted average lease term of approximately 40 years. Contractual rent escalators of around 1-2% per annum



provide embedded growth and inflation protection, while the triple-net lease structure significantly limits exposure to operating costs.

Despite a higher interest-rate environment weighing on the broader REIT sector, VICI maintains stable operating performance, delivering AFFO growth of 7.4% year-on-year and leverage of approximately 4.7x net debt to EBITDA. Earnings visibility remains supported by long-duration leases, inflation-linked rent growth, and disciplined capital allocation.

Technology

Leidos Holdings Inc. (XNYS: LDOS, \$191.10) is a technology-focused defence contractor that delivered steady progress in 2025, supported by major government contract awards and strategic portfolio actions. Early in the year, Leidos secured a seven-year \$2.6 billion recompete contract to manage the Transportation Security Administration's airport screening equipment logistics. The company also won significant new work within its National Security segment, including two classified Intelligence Community contracts valued at \$1.3 billion (10-year) and \$390 million (6-year). These awards contributed to a record total backlog of approximately \$46 billion by mid-2025. Additional wins, including a \$350 million U.S. Air Force electronic warfare support subcontract and a \$128 million FBI biometric software task order, reflect sustained demand amid elevated government investment in defence, cybersecurity, and IT modernisation. The share price reached all-time highs near \$200 in late 2025.

Financial performance strengthened over the year. Second-quarter revenue increased 3% year-on-year to \$4.25 billion, while net income rose 21% and adjusted EBITDA margin expanded to 15.2%, supported by disciplined cost management and solid programme execution. Management subsequently raised full-year 2025 guidance, projecting revenues of \$17.0-\$17.25 billion and adjusted EPS of \$11.15-\$11.45.

In line with its NorthStar 2030 strategy, Leidos undertook portfolio adjustments to sharpen its focus on higher-growth areas. The acquisition of Kudu Dynamics in May strengthened AI-enabled cyber defence capabilities, while the agreement in October to divest the non-core Varec fuel management business aligns with the company's focus on core strategic pillars. Leidos maintained a healthy balance sheet and continued shareholder distributions through a stable quarterly dividend of \$0.40 and selective share repurchases. With exposure to priority U.S. federal spending areas and a diversified contract base, Leidos enters 2026 with solid visibility, while remaining mindful of federal budget dynamics and competitive pressures in government services.



Exited Positions:

First Solar Inc. (XNAS: FSLR) is a U.S.-based renewable energy company specialising in thin-film cadmium telluride (CdTe) solar module manufacturing. The position was exited following the triggering of the take-profit level, crystallising a 34% gain.

UiPath (XNYS: PATH) was sold as the investment case became increasingly dependent on the successful rollout and monetisation of Agentic AI, elevating execution risk. Despite recent share price momentum, the Fund did not expect to capture sufficient upside within its investment horizon and therefore reallocated capital elsewhere.

Playtika (XNAS: PLTK) was fully exited reflecting a deterioration in confidence in the long-term investment case, driven by declining operating margins over the past five years and a weakening net equity-to-debt position.

PayPal (XNAS: PYPL) was sold as the stock was assessed to have moved beyond its most attractive entry point and had underperformed the broader market over the past year, reducing upside potential relative to alternative opportunities.

Comcast (XNAS: CMCSA) was exited given the structural challenges facing its core business, including declining cable television subscriptions, which weakened the overall risk-reward profile and no longer justified continued exposure.



Events

The **Barclays Speaker Event** offered members the opportunity to explore key themes in global finance and investment banking. Representatives from Barclays shared perspectives on current market conditions, career pathways, and the evolving role of financial institutions. The session developed through a panel discussion and interactive Q&A, encouraging direct engagement on industry trends, recruitment processes, and long-term career considerations. The event concluded with a networking reception, allowing members to continue discussions and establish professional connections with speakers.

Some members had the opportunity to [visit KKR's London office](#), engaging with seven speakers from across the firm, including teams in Investor Relations, NGT, Global Wealth Solutions, European Private Equity, Infrastructure Investment, Infrastructure Capstone, Global Macro, and the in-house Capital Markets team. The visit was made possible by Alice Melnik, a former St Andrews student and GIG alum, who organized the day and facilitated the sessions.



The **Houlihan Lokey Speaker Event** focused on the fundamentals of debt-driven investment banking. Professionals from the firm delivered insights into restructuring, corporate finance, and advisory activities, alongside discussion of the role of debt in investment banking transactions. The session also addressed transaction dynamics, prevailing market conditions, and career pathways within the industry. A selective networking session followed, providing members with the opportunity for career-oriented conversations in a more informal setting.



Later in the term, GIG hosted its **Casino Night**, bringing together society members and invited guests. The evening began with a group dinner at Hotel du Vin, followed by a friendly poker tournament open to participants of all experience levels.

Mike Wilson made his annual visit to St Andrews to speak for the Global Investment Group, sharing perspectives on building a career in finance alongside broader market insights. He was joined by **Laurie Hawkes**, who enriched the discussion with reflections on current market conditions and her experience as one of the original “Women of Wall Street.” The event concluded with informal interaction between members and speakers, offering thoughtful guidance and leaving a strong impression on career development discussions within the society.