

Stern builds European bridges

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The **Stern school at New York University** is extending its reach into Europe with the launch of two finance degrees to be taught in partnership with European institutions. The first is an Executive MBA in banking and financial institutions management to be run with the **Swiss Finance Institute**, in Zurich; the second is an Executive Master of Science in risk management with the **Amsterdam Institute in Finance**.

Stern already partners with the London School of Economics and HEC Paris in the Trium EMBA programme. It also runs a masters in finance degree with the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

The EMBA, taught with the Swiss Finance Institute, a private foundation created in 2006 by Switzerland's banking and finance community in cooperation with Swiss universities, will begin in August 2009. It is organised into five residential modules each lasting between two and three weeks. These modules will take place in New York, Zurich and Singapore over an 18-month period. The curriculum integrates banking and finance expertise with the sort of management development taught on a traditional MBA programme.

"As researchers and educators, we must promote a greater understanding of the risks and opportunities confronting our financial institutions," says Thomas Cooley, dean of NYU Stern. "Future executives graduating from this programme will require broader and more integrated financial knowledge, and will need to know how to manage financial institutions in a global context".

The programme developed with the Amsterdam Institute of Finance, a CFA partner school, is designed for risk managers in financial firms and those who aspire to a career in risk management. The one-year programme begins in April 2009. The programme, which addresses both theory and practice, consists of 10 modules. Six three-day sessions will be taught in Amsterdam and four consecutive modules taught in New York over a two-week period in the summer.

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