3rd Lapland Finance Summit (LFS)
Conference Organized by Aalto University School of Business
Call for Papers

April 5-6, 2027 Levi Summit, Levi (Kittilä), Lapland, Finland

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The objective of this boutique conference is to present state-of-the-art academic research on topics related to both household finance and investment funds. There will be two parallel tracks of presentations over two days:

- **Household Finance Track** co-organized as the 2nd edition of Nordic Household Finance Summit
- **Investment Fund Track** co-organized with University of Maryland Center for Financial Policy

The relatively small scale and exotic location of the conference will not only provide an environment for in-depth discussions, but also an opportunity to together enjoy winter activities in the beautiful scenery and ski resort that lies above the Arctic Circle, and with some luck, a possibility to see Aurora Borealis.

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HOUSEHOLD FINANCE TRACK TOPICS: We welcome submissions from all areas related to household finance. Complete papers in an early stage will also be considered. Empirical, theoretical, and experimental papers are all welcome. Sample topics include, but are not limited to:

• Stock market participation
• Portfolio and security choice
• Personality, health, cognition, biology, and household finance
• Debt behavior, financial distress, default, bankruptcy, and debt resettlement
• Saving for retirement and financial decision-making of the elderly
• Financial literacy, financial education, and interventions for better financial decision-making
• Expectations, beliefs, and preferences
• Financial advice and advisors
• Climate change, sustainability, and household financial decision-making
• Use and implications of artificial intelligence in household finance

INVESTMENT FUND TRACK TOPICS: We welcome submissions from all areas related to investment funds. Complete papers in an early stage will also be considered. Sample topics include, but are not limited to:

• Fund performance measurement and manager selection
• Capital raising, clientele effects, compensation contracts, and fees
• ESG, DEI, and sustainability, especially in private equity funds and hedge funds
• Machine learning and artificial intelligence in predicting fund risk and performance
• Trading activity, transparency (reporting), conflict of interest, and due diligence
• Broad macroeconomic issues such as systemic risk, liquidity, and contagion
• Innovations in fund design (e.g., theme-based ETFs)

PAPER SUBMISSION PROCEDURE: Interested authors should submit their papers as a pdf-file by November 22, 2026, through the submission form: https://link.webropol.com/s/lfs2027.
Authors of accepted papers will be notified by end of the year 2026.

SISTER CONFERENCE: The PhD Nordic Finance Workshop organized by the Nordic Finance Network and Hanken School of Economics will also take place on April 5-6 at Levi Summit. The conferences have an overlapping non-academic program.

EXPENSES AND PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS: Travel expenses are expected to be covered by presenters. The conference has a negotiated price with the conference hotel (https://levipanorama.fi/en/). There is no conference fee. Please contact the organizers (email: lfs@aalto.fi) for any queries on practical arrangements. Levi is served by Kittilä-airport (KTT) with one to two daily flights from Helsinki.