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An estimated 2,500 students, faculty and finance professionals are coming together March 26-28 at the University of Dayton's ninth annual student investment forum to discuss issues affecting the global economy and financial markets.

Some of the best minds in the world of finance will address those questions during R.I.S.E. IX (Redefining Investment Strategy Education), which is co-sponsored by the United Nations Global Compact.

David Sauer, managing director of the forum and a University of Dayton finance professor, said the forum is organized to give students opportunities to interact with leading thinkers in economics and finance.

"R.I.S.E. is a completely interactive environment. Each keynote speaker begins with a five-minute opening remark of what they feel is the issue of the day, and then we open it up to student dialogue," Sauer said.

Richard W. Fisher, president and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, will address the group at noon Thursday, March 26. During the three-day event, nearly 100 speakers will address the global economy and investments from a variety of perspectives; markets, economy, corporate governance and global trends.

Georg Kell, the executive head of the U.N. Global Compact, which brings companies together with U.N. agencies, labor and civil society to advance universal social and environmental principles, will offer his perspective on global investment issues and opportunities.

The March 26 program features 19 speakers at the University of Dayton Arena and is open to professionals. Students and faculty will stay through March 28 for specialized breakout sessions, workshops, networking receptions, a career strategies forum and an optional portfolio competition.

Keynote speakers on March 26 include:

Economy 8:30 to 10 a.m.

- Dr. Andreas H?fert, chief global economist, UBS Wealth Management Research
- Steve Liesman, senior economics reporter, CNBC
- Gary Thayer, senior economist, Wachovia Securities
- Dr. Lawrence Yun, chief economist and senior vice president, National Association of Realtors

Markets 10:30 a.m. to noon

- Steven DeSanctis, CFA, managing director and chief small cap strategist, Merrill Lynch
- Patrick Dorsey, CFA, director of equity research, Morningstar Inc.
- Edward Kerschner, CFA, chief investment strategist, Citi Global Wealth Management
- Jeffrey Kleintop, CFA, chief market strategist, LPL Financial Services

Corporate governance and responsibility 2 to 3:30 p.m.

- C.B. Bhav, chairman, Securities and Exchange Board of India
- Dr. Roger Ferguson Jr., president and CEO, TIAA-CREF
- Dr. Russell Read, CFA, founder and CEO, C Change Investments
- John Surma, chairman and CEO, United States Steel Corp.

Global Investment Issues and Opportunities 4 to 5:30 p.m.

- Thomas Gallagher, CFA, senior managing director and chief political strategist, International Strategy and Investment Group Inc.

- Georg Kell, executive head, United Nations Global Compact
- Robert McTeer Jr., distinguished fellow, National Center for Policy Analysis
- Durmus Yilmaz, governor, Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey

All keynote sessions will be moderated by Robert "Dr. Bob" Froehlich, a former chairman of the investor strategy committee at Deutsche Asset Management, and a University of Dayton graduate and trustee.