

Paul Meier, Honorary Chairman, SFOA; Honorary Member, AFM

Paul Meier is a retired Director of UBS Investment Bank in Zurich. Born in 1947, Paul grew up in Kilchberg near Zurich. After finishing his schooling, he joined the international trading house of Volkart Brothers in Winterthur, which dealt mainly in coffee and cotton. Following his two-year training, he was transferred to New York to work in the administration of their machine tool division. What was initially a two-year stint turned out to be 17 years. The machine tool division was closed in 1973 but, newly married, he wanted to stay in New York so he took a job in the coffee division of the firm. In 1975, he was entrusted with building up the derivatives department for Volkart's worldwide commodity trading network. Paul managed Volkart Brokerage Inc., later known as Marshall, French & Lucas, for ten years before deciding to return to Switzerland at the end of 1985. He joined UBS in Zurich, which had just started up a new section to handle its exchange traded derivatives dealings. He was active on the trading side as well working on internal and external education. After the merger of UBS and SBC in June 1998, he took a step back from the hustle-and-bustle of trading and was active in Client Relations Management and Education. In 2009 he entered retirement.

Given his and his employer's belief that it is necessary not only to further develop the knowledge and use of Derivatives but also to have a platform to network, share ideas and broaden viewpoints he served more than 14 years as board member of SFOA whereof 11 as its chairman. He also was active on the Executive Board of AFM. Upon his retirement from both posts in 2011 he was elected as honorary chairman of SFOA and honorary member of AFM.