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Fund management refers to the provision of services to manage pooled funds for retail and institutional investors in equity, fixed income or other such securities in line with the stated investment management agreement. It includes research on investment options, construction of portfolios and conducting due diligence on potential opportunities having considered its impact on the customers' investment horizon, risk tolerance and investment restrictions, among other things.

About Proficiency Levels
The IBF Standards offer three proficiency levels to help you track the development and sophistication of your skills in relation to your career aspirations. You can also use the Standards to identify training programmes at the right level to meet your skills development needs.

- Level 1   a basic understanding of key concepts and ability to apply skills to routine tasks
- Level 2   ability to apply skills to complex tasks
- Level 3   ability to apply skills in the context of broader organisational considerations

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