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Mortgage Backed Securities (MBS) are among the most complex of all financial instruments. Analysis of MBS requires blending empirical analysis of borrower behavior with mathematical modeling of interest rates and home prices. Over the past 25 years, Davidson and Levin have been at the leading edge of MBS valuation and risk analysis. *Mortgage Valuation Models: Embedded Options, Risk and Uncertainty* is a detailed description of the sophisticated theories and advanced methods that the authors employ in real-world analysis of mortgage backed securities. Issues such as complexity, borrower options, uncertainty, and model risk play a central role in their approach to valuation of MBS. The book describes methods for modeling prepayments and defaults of borrowers. It explores closed form, backward induction and Monte Carlo valuation using the Option-Adjusted-Spread (OAS) approach, explains the origin of OAS and its relationship to model uncertainty. With reference to the classical CAPM and APT, the book advocates extending the concept of risk-neutrality to modeling home prices and borrower options, well beyond interest rates. The coverage spans the range of mortgage products from loans, TBA (to be announced) pass-through securities to subordinate tranches of subprime-mortgage securitizations and describes valuation methods for both agency and non-agency MBS including pricing new loans; Davidson and Levin put forth new approaches to prudent risk measurement, ranking, and decomposition that can help guide traders and risk managers. It reveals quantitative causes of the 2007-09 financial crisis and provides insights into the future of the US housing finance system and mortgage modeling. Despite the advances in mortgage modeling and valuation, this remains an ever-evolving field. *Mortgage Valuation Models* will serve as a foundation for the future development of models for mortgage-backed securities.

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Plain-English interpretations and applications of the latest GAAS Wiley Practitioner's Guide to GAAS 2016 provides full guidance toward the latest guidelines and applications of Generally Accepted Auditing Standards. With detailed coverage of the newest releases, this helpful reference explains each standard in clear, accessible language and highlights the ways in which the standards are related. Organized for easy navigation, each statement is presented individually along with explanation, practice notes, practical illustrations, checklists and questionnaires to guide you through the auditing process. The book is written to align with the Statements on Auditing Standards, and includes updates and interpretations of all new Statements for Accounting and Review Services Compilation and Review statements to help you ensure a complete and fully compliant audit. Accounting standards are critical to the auditing process, but frequent revisions and new releases add a layer of complexity to compliance. This book provides interpretation and application notes for all GAAS standards, including all SASs, SSAEs, SSARSs and PCAOB. Get up to speed on the latest GAAS standards Walk through each statement step-by-step Utilize helpful tools to ensure full compliance Gain a deeper understanding of each standard's applications Identifying, interpreting, and applying the many standards relevant to a particular

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engagement can be the most difficult part of the auditor's job. This guide simplifies the process by combining the standards, explanations, tools, and expert advice into a single, easily navigated volume. For the auditor who needs to be up to date, Wiley Practitioner's Guide to GAAS 2016 presents clear, plain-language guidance toward the most recent GAAS standards, to help you find —and understand — the answers you need quickly.

The last time global sovereign debt reached the level seen today was at the end of the Second World War, and this shaped a generation of economic policymaking.

International institutions were transformed, country policies were often draconian and distortive, and many crises ensued. By the early 1970s, when debt fell back to pre-war levels, the world was radically different. It is likely that changes of a similar magnitude -for better and for worse - will play out over coming decades. *Sovereign Debt: A Guide for Economists and Practitioners* is an attempt to build some structure around the issues of sovereign debt to help guide economists, practitioners and policymakers through this complicated, but not intractable, subject. *Sovereign Debt* brings together some of the world's leading researchers and specialists in sovereign debt to cover a range of sub-disciplines within this vast topic. It explores debt management with debt sustainability; debt reduction policies with crisis prevention policies; and the history with the conjuncture. It is a foundation text for all those interested in sovereign debt, with a particular focus real world examples and issues.

In the 2nd edition of *Asset Pricing and Portfolio Choice Theory*, Kerry E. Back offers a concise yet comprehensive introduction to and overview of asset pricing. Intended as a textbook for asset pricing theory courses at the Ph.D. or Masters in Quantitative Finance level with extensive exercises and a solutions manual available for professors, the book is also an essential reference for financial researchers and professionals, as it includes detailed proofs and calculations as section appendices. The first two parts of the book explain portfolio choice and asset pricing theory in single-period, discrete-time, and continuous-time models. For valuation, the focus throughout is on stochastic discount factors and their properties. A section on derivative securities covers the usual derivatives (options, forwards and futures, and term structure models) and also applications of perpetual options to corporate debt, real options, and optimal irreversible investment. A chapter on "explaining puzzles" and the last part of the book provide introductions to a number of additional current topics in asset pricing research, including rare disasters, long-run risks, external and internal habits, asymmetric and incomplete information, heterogeneous beliefs, and non-expected-utility preferences. Each chapter includes a "Notes and References" section providing additional pathways to the literature. Each chapter also includes extensive exercises.

"An examination of the transformation of asset management through the rise of passive or index investing"--

Breaking The Profit Barrier--the Healthcare Practitioner's Guide. (Based on the information your professors or your accountant probably never told you -- but the school of hard knocks has shown you or it will)...addresses the main areas that frustrate a business owner--staff, marketing, finance...and risk management....based on certain basic principles of money and marketing management, that typically only 1 out of 20 practitioners have solidly in place.

A top risk management practitioner addresses the essential aspects of modern

financial risk management In the Second Edition of *Financial Risk Management + Website*, market risk expert Steve Allen offers an insider's view of this discipline and covers the strategies, principles, and measurement techniques necessary to manage and measure financial risk. Fully revised to reflect today's dynamic environment and the lessons to be learned from the 2008 global financial crisis, this reliable resource provides a comprehensive overview of the entire field of risk management. Allen explores real-world issues such as proper mark-to-market valuation of trading positions and determination of needed reserves against valuation uncertainty, the structuring of limits to control risk taking, and a review of mathematical models and how they can contribute to risk control. Along the way, he shares valuable lessons that will help to develop an intuitive feel for market risk measurement and reporting. Presents key insights on how risks can be isolated, quantified, and managed from a top risk management practitioner Offers up-to-date examples of managing market and credit risk Provides an overview and comparison of the various derivative instruments and their use in risk hedging Companion Website contains supplementary materials that allow you to continue to learn in a hands-on fashion long after closing the book Focusing on the management of those risks that can be successfully quantified, the Second Edition of *Financial Risk Management + Website* is the definitive source for managing market and credit risk.

In *Slapped by the Invisible Hand*, insider Gary Gorton candidly unfurls the banking system that lay at the heart of the recent global financial crisis, providing an unparalleled glimpse, and what will quite possibly be regarded as the definitive take on the economic events that dragged the world into recession. *Working Capital Management* provides a general framework that will help managers understand working capital using a comprehensive approach that links operating decisions to their financial implications and to the overall business strategy. It will also help managers to gain a better understanding of the key drivers to profitability and value creation.

The updated, real-world guide to interpreting and unpacking GAAP and non-GAAP financial statements In *Financial Statement Analysis, 5th Edition*, leading investment authority Martin Fridson returns with Fernando Alvarez to provide the analytical framework you need to scrutinize financial statements, whether you're evaluating a company's stock price or determining valuations for a merger or acquisition. Rather than taking financial statements at face value, you'll learn practical and straightforward analytical techniques for uncovering the reality behind the numbers. This fully revised and up-to-date 5th Edition offers fresh information that will help you to evaluate financial statements in today's volatile markets and uncertain economy. The declining connection between GAAP earnings and stock prices has introduced a need to discriminate between instructive and misleading non-GAAP alternatives. This book integrates the alternatives and provides guidance on understanding the extent to which non-GAAP reports, particularly from US companies, may be biased. Understanding

financial statements is an essential skill for business professionals and investors. Most books on the subject proceed from the questionable premise that companies' objective is to present a true picture of their financial condition. A safer assumption is that they seek to minimize the cost of raising capital by portraying themselves in the most favorable light possible. Financial Statement Analysis teaches readers the tricks that companies use to mislead, so readers can more clearly interpret statements. Learn how to read and understand financial statements prepared according to GAAP and non-GAAP standards Compare CFROI, EVA, Valens, and other non-GAAP methodologies to determine how accurate companies' reports are Improve your business decision making, stock valuations, or merger and acquisition strategy Develop the essential skill of quickly and accurately gathering and assessing information from financial statements of all types Professional analysts, investors, and students will gain valuable knowledge from this updated edition of the popular guide. Filled with real-life examples and expert advice, Financial Statement Analysis, 5th Edition, will help you interpret and unpack financial statements.

An advanced method for financial institutions to optimize Asset Liability Management for maximized return and minimized risk Financial institutions today are facing daunting regulatory and economic challenges. As they manage bank regulation and competition, institutions are also optimizing their Asset Liability Management (ALM) operations. The function of the ALM unit today goes beyond risk management related to the banking book into managing regulatory capital and positioning the balance sheet to maximize profit. Asset Liability Management Optimization: A Practitioner's Guide to Balance Sheet Management and Remodelling offers a step-by-step process for modeling and reshaping a bank's balance sheet. Based on the author's extensive research, it describes how to apply a quantifiable optimization method to help maximize asset return and minimize funding cost in the banking book. ALM ranks as a key component of any financial institution's overall operating strategy. Now, financial professionals can use an advanced solution for optimizing ALM. This book takes a closer look at the evolving role of the ALM function and the target position of the banking book. It provides strategies for active management, structuring, and hedging of a bank balance sheet, while also exploring additional topics related to ALM. A description of the Funds Transfer Pricing (FTP) process related to a bank's target position Detailed examinations of interest rate risk in the banking book (IRRBB) Discussion of Basel III regulatory requirements and maturity gap analysis Overview of customer behavior, along with its impact on interest rate and liquidity risk Practical spreadsheet models (NII sensitivity and EVE volatility IRRBB model, simplified optimization model for minimization of average funding cost for a bank and an example of behavioral model for Non-Maturing Deposits) Explorations of model risk, sensitivity analysis, and case studies The optimization techniques found in Asset Liability Management Optimization can prove vital to financial professionals who are tasked with maximizing asset return and reducing

funding costs as a critical part of business objectives.

The current financial crisis has caused many of us to question the motives and actions that drive the business world, even the basic notion that firms should be run so as to maximize shareholder value has come under increasing scrutiny. As a result of prevailing monetary conditions since the global financial crisis, the world has witnessed unprecedented growth in global corporate credit markets. Yet, despite the trillions of dollars put to work in the debt capital markets, corporate credit is still an unfamiliar concept to most investors compared to other asset classes, such as equities and commodities. Every red-top newspaper and 24-hour news service is happy to report the latest twitch in the Dow, FTSE or Stoxx indices but momentous moves in the iBoxx or iTraxx go unmentioned. And whereas many a talking head is happy to pose as an equity analyst, few feel comfortable venturing into the arcana of credit. Yet the corporate credit market, as the authors of this new book show, is both materially larger than its equity peer and has shown more attractive risk/reward characteristics over the last 90-odd years. In *Opening Credit*, career credit professionals, Justin McGowan and Duncan Sankey, aim to redress this by drawing on their more than 50 years' collective experience in the field to elucidate a practitioner's approach to corporate credit investment. Whilst explaining the basics of traditional credit analysis and affirming its value, McGowan and Sankey also caution against its shortcomings. They demonstrate the need both to penetrate the veil of accounting to get to the economic reality behind the annuals and interim numbers and to analyse the individuals that drive them - the key executives and board members. They employ a range of cogent and easy-to-follow case studies to illustrate the value of their executive- and governance-led approach, which places management front and centre in understanding corporate credit. *Opening Credit* will appeal to all those seeking a better understanding of corporate credit, including analysts looking to develop their skills, fund managers (especially those with an eye to SRI), bankers, IFAs, financial journalists, academics and students of finance.

This new multi-contributor title will enable you to better analyse and evaluate economic capital in order to implement more effective risk management strategies within your business. *Economic Capital* is the definitive reference on this increasingly important area of finance.

The clearest, easiest-to-use guide to understanding GAAS 2011 on the market-fully updated This latest resource to understanding GAAS addresses the toughest part of the job-identifying, interpreting, and applying the many audit, attest, review, and compilation standards relevant to a particular engagement. A brief identification of each SAS, SSAE, and SSARS, with its effective date and tips on when to apply it A convenient and comprehensive glossary of official definitions, which are usually scattered throughout a standard Behind-the-scenes explanations of the reasons for each pronouncement and brief explanations of the basic ideas of the section Concise listing and descriptions of each standard's

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Focusing on market microstructure, Harris (chief economist, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission) introduces the practices and regulations governing stock trading markets. Writing to be understandable to the lay reader, he examines the structure of trading, puts forward an economic theory of trading, discusses speculative trading strategies, explores liquidity and volatility, and considers the evaluation of trader performance. Annotation (c)2003 Book News, Inc., Portland, OR (booknews.com).

Expert guidance on managing credit risk in bond portfolios Managing Credit Risk in Corporate Bond Portfolios shows readers how to measure and manage the risks of a corporate bond portfolio against its benchmark. This comprehensive guide explores a wide range of topics surrounding credit risk and bond portfolios, including the similarities and differences between corporate and government bond portfolios, yield curve risk, default and credit migration risk, Monte Carlo simulation techniques, and portfolio selection methods. Srichander Ramaswamy, PhD (Basel, Switzerland), is Head of Investment Analysis at the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) in Basel, Switzerland, and Adjunct Professor of Banking and Finance, University of Lausanne.

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In *Asset Management: A Systematic Approach to Factor Investing*, Professor Andrew Ang presents a comprehensive, new approach to the age-old problem of where to put your money. Years of experience as a finance professor and a consultant have led him to see that what matters aren't asset class labels, but instead the bundles of overlapping risks they represent. Factor risks must be the focus of our attention if we are to weather market turmoil and receive the rewards that come with doing so. Clearly written yet full of the latest research and data, *Asset Management* is indispensable reading for trustees, professional money managers, smart private investors, and business students who want to understand the economics behind factor risk premiums, to harvest them efficiently in their portfolios, and to embark on the search for true alpha.

Decision-makers in business and economics face a staggering array of problems. For example, managers of growing firms have to decide when to expand their business, governments have to decide whether to undertake large infrastructure investments, and managers of oil firms must decide how rapidly to deplete their reserves. While these problems seem quite diverse, they all share many important features. In each case, the decision-maker must choose when to take a particular action that will be potentially impossible to reverse, and the consequences of taking (or not taking) that action are uncertain. Also, the timing and nature of these actions directly affect the cash flows generated by the entities they manage. This book explains how techniques originally developed to price financial derivatives can be used to analyze real-world decisions, and provides the tools necessary to put them into practice. The real options analysis approach to decision-making is built on strong theoretical foundations, and is widely discussed in practitioner literature, but often only at a fairly intuitive level. What practitioners need-and what this book delivers-is a structured approach to systematically applying real options analysis to the wide variety of problems they will meet in business and economics. *Real Options in Theory and Practice* focuses on building up a general approach to solving real options problems from the ground up. Rather than aiming to build a "black box" to solve a small set of standardized real options problems, it describes the building blocks of any successful real options analysis and shows how they can be assembled in a way that is appropriate to the problem being analyzed. For both practitioners and academics, *Real Options in Theory and Practice* will serve as an authoritative and invaluable resource for those looking for effective and practical solutions to complex, real-life problems.

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practitioners. Its content comprises of three main parts: The framework for managing credit risks, Active Credit Portfolio Management in practice and Hedging techniques and toolkits.

This firsthand road map will tell you what it takes to create a product that meets a customer's needs -- and avoid the pitfalls of product failure. Did you cut through traffic on your Segway today? Cool off with a delicious can of New Coke? Relax at home while listening to some music on your Zune? Despite years of research, countless products like these see high-profile launches, only to end up failing to connect with an audience. The Practitioner's Guide to Product Management will help you create a lasting product and take you through the field of product management with candid stories and a litany of real-world experiences.

The all-in-one guide to the latest auditing standards, with clear explanations and more "Wiley Practitioner's Guide to GAAS 2015" offers the most comprehensive coverage of auditing standards, practices, and procedures, clarifying complex guidelines in clear, easy-to-understand language. Each statement is presented individually with explanations and practice notes that highlight main ideas and mandates, giving practitioners a clearer understanding of SAS standards and how they're used. Practical illustrations, checklists and questionnaires guide readers through the auditing process, and updates are highlighted to call attention to recent changes. This useful guide includes background information that sheds light on the reasoning behind each pronouncement, as well as a comprehensive glossary that clarifies unfamiliar or nuanced terms. Coverage also includes interpretations of all new Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services Compilation and Review statements, with expert advice on remaining compliant as guidelines change. Auditing standards guide the work of an entire industry, but these standards are frequently revised, and compliance is critical. "Wiley Practitioner's Guide to GAAS 2015" is a complete reference for the auditing professional, logically organized to allow for quick navigation. Understand the real-world application of each standard Learn each standard's effective date and specific mandates Examine technical alerts, definitions, and interpretations Develop techniques for maintaining compliance Identifying, interpreting, and applying the many standards relevant to a particular engagement can be the most difficult part of the auditor's job. This guide simplifies the process by combining the standards, explanations, tools, and expert advice into a single, easily navigated volume. For the auditor who needs to be up to date, "Wiley Practitioner's Guide to GAAS 2015" provides the latest on GAAS compliance.

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Collated by Scott Moeller of Cass Business School, this collection brings together the informative articles a budding finance practitioner needs to operate effectively in today's corporate environment. Bringing together core finance knowledge and cutting-edge research topics in an engaging and effective way, this text is the ideal companion for all practitioners and students of finance. You will find insights into the practical applications of theory in key areas such as balance sheets and cash flow, financial regulation and compliance, funding and investment, governance and ethics, mergers and acquisitions, and operations and performance. Contributors to this collection include some of the leading experts in their respective fields: Aswath Damodaran, Harold Bierman, Jr, Andreas Jobst, Frank J. Fabozzi, Ian Bremmer, Javier Estrada, Marc J. Epstein, Henrik Cronqvist, Daud Vicary Abdullah, Meziane Lasfer, Dean Karlan, Norman Marks, Seth Armitage, and many others. In this collection you will discover: * Over 80 best-practice articles, providing the best guidance on issues ranging from risk management and capital structure optimization through to market responses to M&A transactions and general corporate governance * Over 65 checklists forming step-by-step guides to essential tasks, from hedging interest rates to calculating your total economic capital * 55 carefully selected calculations and ratios to monitor firms' financial health * A fully featured business and finance dictionary with over 5,000 definitions

Consumer Credit and the American Economy examines the economics, behavioral science, sociology, history, institutions, law, and regulation of consumer credit in the United States. After discussing the origins and various kinds of consumer credit available in today's marketplace, this book reviews at some length the long run growth of consumer credit to explore the widely held belief that somehow consumer credit has risen "too fast for too long." It then turns to demand and supply with chapters discussing neoclassical theories of demand, new behavioral economics, and evidence on production costs and why consumer credit might seem expensive compared to some other kinds of credit like government finance. This discussion includes review of the economics of risk management and funding sources, as well discussion of the economic theory of why some people might be limited in their credit search, the phenomenon of credit rationing. This examination includes review of issues of risk management through mathematical methods of borrower screening known as credit scoring and financial market sources of funding for offerings of consumer credit. The book then discusses technological change in credit granting. It examines how modern automated information systems called credit reporting agencies, or more popularly "credit bureaus," reduce the costs of information acquisition and permit greater credit availability at less cost. This discussion is followed by examination of the logical offspring of technology, the ubiquitous credit card that permits consumers access to

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both payments and credit services worldwide virtually instantly. After a chapter on institutions that have arisen to supply credit to individuals for whom mainstream credit is often unavailable, including "payday loans" and other small dollar sources of loans, discussion turns to legal structure and the regulation of consumer credit. There are separate chapters on the theories behind the two main thrusts of federal regulation to this point, fairness for all and financial disclosure. Following these chapters, there is another on state regulation that has long focused on marketplace access and pricing. Before a final concluding chapter, another chapter focuses on two noncredit marketplace products that are closely related to credit. The first of them, debt protection including credit insurance and other forms of credit protection, is economically a complement. The second product, consumer leasing, is a substitute for credit use in many situations, especially involving acquisition of automobiles. This chapter is followed by a full review of consumer bankruptcy, what happens in the worst of cases when consumers find themselves unable to repay their loans. Because of the importance of consumer credit in consumers' financial affairs, the intended audience includes anyone interested in these issues, not only specialists who spend much of their time focused on them. For this reason, the authors have carefully avoided academic jargon and the mathematics that is the modern language of economics. It also examines the psychological, sociological, historical, and especially legal traditions that go into fully understanding what has led to the demand for consumer credit and to what the markets and institutions that provide these products have become today.

Praise for Treasury Management The Practitioner's Guide "Steven Bragg has written a broad-based look at the treasurer's function that is as timely as it is complete. This book is an excellent choice for experienced treasury personnel, those new to the area, or the small business CFO needing to develop additional expertise." ?Matthew Boutte, Asset/Liability Manager, AVP, Sterling Bank "Cash is king! Steven Bragg's Treasury Management: The Practitioner's Guide peels back the onion on the most pressing topics facing today's treasurer?cash management, financing, risk management, and treasury systems." ?Geoffrey Garland, Controller, Staco Systems "This book gives an insight into the various intricacies, augmented with examples and flowcharts, involved in a treasury role. It gives a practical and detailed approach to cash management. A must-read for accounting heads of small businesses who have the additional responsibility of being a treasurer." ?Priya K Srinivasan, Owner, Priya K Srinivasan CPA Treasury Management: The Practitioner's Guide describes all aspects of the treasury function. This comprehensive book includes chapters covering the treasury department, cash transfer methods, cash forecasting, cash concentration, working capital management, debt management, equity management, investment management, foreign exchange risk management, interest risk management, clearing and settlement systems, and treasury systems. If you are a treasurer, CFO, cash manager, or controller, Treasury Management: The Practitioner's Guide allows you to quickly grasp the real world of treasury management and the many practical and strategic issues faced by treasurers and financial professionals today.

In an efficient market, all stocks should be valued at a price that is consistent with available information. But as financial expert Singal points out, there are circumstances under which certain stocks sell at a price higher or lower than the right price. Here he discusses ten such anomalous prices and shows how investors might--or might not--be able to exploit these situations for profit.

This report presents basic principles of debt issuance for public agencies. The primary focus is on the current practices of state agencies with responsibilities for surface transportation investment. The report may be useful in assisting in the decision on when and how to best use debt financing techniques to fund investments in transportation infrastructure. Anticipated audiences include those with financial oversight responsibilities for state departments of transportation (DOTs), public authorities, and local governments. Others who may benefit include legislative oversight committees and the media. Information for this report was gathered through a literature review, a comprehensive survey of state DOTs, selected interviews, and a study of selected state policies, guidelines, and documentation. Tamar Henkin, on behalf of TransTech Management, Inc., Washington, D.C., collected and synthesized the information and wrote the report. The members of the topic panel are acknowledged on the preceding page. This synthesis is an immediately useful document that records the practices that were acceptable within the limitations of the knowledge available at the time of its preparation. As progress in research and practice continues, new knowledge will be added to that now at hand.

Forward-thinking investors are constantly looking for the next BRIC-what foreign market is on the brink of expansive growth? Will these investments payoff, or are the potential risks too great? Investing in these emerging markets requires a careful analysis of potential risks and benefits which vary greatly from country to country and even from day to day. In *Cracking the Emerging Markets Enigma*, emerging markets expert Andrew Karolyi outlines a practical strategy for evaluating the opportunities and-more importantly-the risks of investing in emerging markets. Karolyi's proposed system evaluates multiple dimensions of the potential risks faced by prospective investors. These categories of risk reflect the uneven quality or fragility of the various institutions designed to assure integrity in capital markets-political stability, corporate opacity, limits placed on foreign investors, and more. By distilling these analyses into a numerical scoring system, Karolyi has devised a way to assess with ease emerging markets by different dimensions of risk and across all dimensions together. This novel assessment framework already has been tested in the market to great success. Researchers, students, firms, and both seasoned and novice investors are poised to gain a clear understanding of how to evaluate potential investments in emerging markets to maximize profits.

This practical book provides a comprehensive prudent approach to issuing, managing and retiring corporate debt obligations, and can be used by practitioners in every industry. This book explains how companies can use debt

as much more than just a source of funds. From start up to traditional blue-chip firms, debt can be a strategic financial instrument. With insights into how factors such as bond valuation methodologies, derivatives, and tax and regulatory restrictions affect the process, the authors provide practitioners in both the US and international debt markets with the information and tools needed to make smart debt management decisions.

A comprehensive, practical guidebook to bonds and the bond market Speaking directly to the practitioner, this thorough guide covers everything there is to know about bonds—from basic concepts to more advanced bond topics. The Complete Practitioner's Guide to the Bond Market addresses the principles of the bond market and offers the tools to apply them in the real world. By tying the concepts of fixed-income products to big-picture aspects of the economy, this book prepares readers to apply specific tools and methods that will help them glean profits from the bond market.

Major events such as the Asian crisis in 1997, the Russian default on short-term debt in 1998, the downfall of the hedge fund long-term capital management in 1998 and the disruption in payment systems following the World Trade Center attack in 2001, all resulted in increased management's attention to liquidity risk. Banks have realized that adequate systems and processes for identifying, measuring, monitoring and controlling liquidity risks help them to maintain a strong liquidity position, which in turn will increase the confidence of investors and rating agencies as well as improve funding costs and availability. Liquidity Risk Measurement and Management: A Practitioner's Guide to Global Best Practices provides the best practices in tools and techniques for bank liquidity risk measurement and management. Experienced bankers and highly regarded liquidity risk experts share their insights and practical experiences in this book.

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