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We examine the role of sell-side financial analysts in generating commission revenues. Using a data set from 1997-2002 for America, Europe and Japan, we find that both the quality and quantity of equity research contribute to sell-side firm revenues. The perceived quality of investment bank equity research (the sell-side) drives market share in sales trading, but not in investment banking. By contrast, the volume of equity research, measured by number of

analysts (or the number of companies covered or the number of reports published), is positively correlated with both trading and investment banking market share. This supports the hypothesis that equity research analysts are effective marketing and revenue-generating tools for sell-side firms. Wall Street Research: Past, Present, and Future provides a timely account of the dramatic evolution of Wall Street research, examining its rise, fall, and reemergence. Despite regulatory, technological, and global forces that have transformed equity research in the last ten years, the industry has proven to be remarkably

resilient and consistent. Boris Groysberg and Paul M. Healy get to the heart of Wall Street research—the analysts engaged in the process—and demonstrate how the analysts' roles have evolved, what drives their performance today, and how they stack up against their buy-side counterparts. The book unpacks key trends and describes how different firms have coped with shifting pressures. It concludes with an assessment of where equity research is headed in emerging markets, drawing conclusions about this often overlooked corner of Wall Street and the industry's future challenges. A real-world guide to becoming a top-performing equity analyst

Praise for Best Practices for Equity Research Analysts: "Jim Valentine has taken his decades of experience as a highly successful security analyst and written an effective and comprehensive guide to doing the job right. I only wish I had this book by my side throughout my career." -- Byron R. Wien, Vice Chairman, Blackstone Advisory Partners LP "Given the fast pace and high-pressure nature of the markets, analysts don't have the luxury to make mistakes. James J. Valentine's Best Practices for Equity Research Analysts should be required reading for all new and experienced analysts, particularly those who were not

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come up with the best stock picks. This book is required reading for beginning analysts and a must-read for all analysts who want to develop an edge." -- Carl Schweser, Founder of Schweser's Study Program for the CFA Exam "Best Practices for Equity Research Analysts is by far the best written and most comprehensive book that I have read on how to become a top-notch analyst. I shouldn't be surprised; it was written by one of the best analysts that Wall Street has ever seen. Every securities firm should require their analysts to read this book." -- Eli Salzman, Portfolio Manager Most equity research analysts learn their trade on the job by

apprenticing under a senior analyst. However, equity analysts who work for senior producers often have little time or incentive to train new hires, and those who do have the time may not have research skills worth emulating. Now, Best Practices for Equity Research Analysts offers promising equity research analysts a practical curriculum for mastering their profession. James J. Valentine, a former Morgan Stanley analyst, explains everything today's competitive analyst needs to know, providing practical training materials for buyand sell-side research analysis in the United States and globally. Conveniently organized for use

as a learning tool and everyday reference on the job, Best Practices for Equity Research Analysts covers the five primary areas of the equity research analyst's role: Identifying and monitoring critical factors Creating and updating financial forecasts Deriving price targets or a range of targets Making stock recommendations Communicating stock ideas Expanding upon material covered in undergraduate courses but written specifically to help you perform in the real world, this authoritative book gives you access to the wisdom and expertise of leading professionals in the field. You'll learn best practices for setting

up an information hub, influencing others, identifying the critical factors and information sources for better forecasting, creating a better set of financial forecast scenarios, improving valuation and stock-picking techniques, communicating your message effectively, making ethical decisions, and more. Without Best Practices for Equity Research Analysts, you're just treading water in the sink-or-swim world of the equity analyst. An insider points out the holes that still exist on Wall Street and in the banking system Exile on Wall Street is a gripping read for anyone with an interest in business and finance, U.S. capitalism, the

future of banking, and the root causes of the financial meltdown. Award winning, veteran sell side Wall Street analyst Mike Mayo writes about one of the biggest financial and political issues of our time - the role of finance and banks in the US. He has worked at six Wall Street firms, analyzing banks and protesting against bad practices for two decades. In Exile on Wall Street, Mayo: Lays out practices that have diminished capitalism and the banking sector Shares his battle scars from calling truth to power at some of the largest banks in the world and how he survived challenging the status quo to be credited as one of the few

who saw the crisis coming Blows the lid off the true inner workings of the big banks and shows the ways in which Wall Street is just as bad today as it was pre-crash. Analyzes the fallout stemming from the market crash, pointing out the numerous holes that still exist in the system, and offers practical solutions. While it provides an education, this is no textbook. It is also an invaluable resource for finance practitioners and citizens alike. This book demonstrates step-by-step how to create a financial model. The accompanying Excel files demonstrate the key concepts and can be used as templates to create an earning model for

nearly any company. Readers without prior financial analysis experience will gain a fundamental understanding of exactly what modeling entails, and will learn how to create a basic form of an earnings model. Advanced readers will be introduced to more complex topics such as linking the financial statements, future period calibration, and incorporating macroeconomic variables into discounted valuation analysis through the equity risk premium and application of the capital asset pricing model. The Excel templates included with this book include: * File 1 - Blank Model Template: Use this template to create your own

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Marketing, Entrepreneurship, or Management, learning the fundamentals of forecasting is critical to your academic development, and will help prepare you for a professional career. Sell-Side Equity Research Analysts: Need a fresh perspective for your models? Consider adding changes in volatility, interest rates, or corporate tax reform to your valuation approach. Or incorporate non-GAAP adjustments, and forecast the impact of new accounting standards into your models. Financial Planners and Wealth Management Professionals: Have your clients been asking your opinion of a stock in the headlines? This book will teach

you how to build a model for nearly any company, allowing you to deliver comprehensive analysis to your clients. Buy-Side Analysts: Want a consensus-based model to compare to that of each analyst? This book demonstrates how to create one, and how to use it to perform quick reviews of consensus estimates, management's guidance, and run powerful scenario analysis ahead of an earnings release. Investor Relations Professionals: Gain valuable insight into how the analysts covering your company are modeling your results, and use this knowledge to predict what the analysts will ask on the

conference calls. Private Equity/Venture Capital Analysts: Trying to value a new investment with unpredictable cash flows? Use this book as a guide to build a dynamic model, and incorporate various inputs to create upside/downside scenarios. ...as well as anyone else interested in learning how to use fundamental analysis to review an equity security's future prospects. Debt research places greater importance on cash flow analysis and credit rating prediction than does equity research and is only available to equity analysts employed by the same broker. We show that equity analysts with access to high quality debt

research issue cash flow forecasts for financially distressed firms with higher frequency, accuracy, and price impact. In addition, these analysts are more likely to revise down their earnings forecasts, cash flow forecasts, and stock recommendations in the 90-day period leading to a credit rating downgrade; furthermore, these revisions are both larger and timelier than revisions by other analysts. We conclude that in-house debt research improves an equity analyst's ability to forecast cash flows and anticipate credit rating downgrades due to information sharing or orienting the equity analyst's attention to these

forecasting tasks. Propelled by India's economic growth, Indian securities market is continuing to provide opportunities for wealth creation. However, a timely and accurate valuation of securities is imperative for arriving at better investment decisions. Equity Research and Valuation explains the various steps involved in evaluating securities. It dwells on the concepts of equity research and valuation, macro and micro economic analyses and highlights the role of regulators in handling stock market bubbles. Porter's five force analysis and competitive strategy, and Hirschman's index of industry concentration

ratio are also included. The book also covers the various financial statements on company analysis and discounted cash flow valuation models. We examine a set of equity analysts' private models from a large investment bank equity research department as a new way of understanding how analysts actually value the companies they follow. We identify their valuation approaches and use of inputs, including equity research premium, risk free rate and beta. We find that the analysts broadly follow textbook valuation approaches in their discounted cash flow analysis, including at least five years of explicit forecasts, a perpetuity-

based terminal value and reasonable long term growth rate assumptions. But they are not always consistent in their use of valuation parameters. We hypothesise that analysts can manipulate their inputs to achieve desired valuation outputs while maintaining the appearance of theoretically sound valuation methods. This book demonstrates step-by-step how to create a financial model, similar to the models maintained by sell-side equity research analysts. The accompanying Excel files demonstrate the key concepts and can be used as templates to create an earning model for nearly any company. Readers without prior financial analysis

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you to deliver comprehensive analysis to your clients. Buy-Side Analysts: Want a consensus-based model to compare to that of each analyst? This book demonstrates how to create one, and how to use it to perform quick reviews of consensus estimates, management's guidance, and run powerful scenario analysis ahead of an earnings release. Investor Relations Professionals: Gain valuable insight into how the analysts covering your company are modeling your results, and use this knowledge to predict what the analysts will ask on the conference calls. Private Equity/Venture Capital

Analysts: Trying to value a new investment with unpredictable cash flows? Use this book as a guide to build a dynamic model, and incorporate various inputs to create upside/downside scenarios....as well as any others who are interested in learning how to use fundamental analysis to review an equity security' future prospects. A practical guide to proactive investor relations (IR) Investor relations (IR) has traditionally been an administrative function within corporate communications, responsible for disseminating public information and answering investor and media questions. Using Investor Relations to Maximize Equity

Valuation challenges this approach, by arguing that IR has been underutilized and then illustrating how it should be elevated to lead a strategic communications effort to preserve or enhance corporate value and lower a company's cost of capital. Divided into four comprehensive parts, this book clearly describes capital markets strategies and tactical operations that these former, senior-level equity analysts and portfolio managers employ. Chad A. Jacobs (Westport, CT) and Thomas M. Ryan (Westport, CT) are the cofounders and co-CEOs of Integrated Corporate Relations. You can learn how to invest in stocks using the same

techniques as professional equity research analysts at top Wall Street investment banks! Written by an experienced analyst from one of the world's top investment banks, Invest Like a Wall Street Analyst will teach you the techniques that professionals use to monitor stocks and identify investment opportunities. This all-in-one book will teach you how to become an expert on a sector, initiate and maintain coverage of stocks, analyze and project financial results, perform fundamental valuation analysis, and manage your portfolio. Take control of your finances and stop paying for expensive mutual funds and financial advisors! This book is for

serious investors with any level of experience who want to learn how investing like a Wall Street analyst can lower investment costs and improve results. Now included for free is an appendix with tips for students or others pursuing a career in equity research, written by an industry insider. Discover a one-of-a-kind blueprint to equity analyst success from an industry leader In Survival Kit for an Equity Analyst: The Essentials You Must Know, veteran analyst Shin Horie delivers a must-read, practical guide on the analysis of companies and industries. The book offers a guide to conducting industry-level analysis from a global

perspective, with a particular emphasis on adjustments necessary for covering companies in emerging markets. Readers will also get: A robust background on the basic process flow of company analysis and valuation Guidelines for examining earnings drivers in major industries Tips on the qualitative profiling of companies and how to dig deeper to find nuance that financial statements don't express Perfect for early-career equity analysts themselves, as well as corporate managers who seek to understand how their organisations will be scrutinized and examined by finance professionals, Survival

Kit for an Equity Analyst offers readers an insightful narrative on the necessary ingredients for success in this demanding field. For years, traders and investors have been using unproven assumptions about popular patterns such as breakouts, momentum, new highs, new lows, market breadth, put/call ratios and more without knowing if there is a statistical edge. Common wisdom holds that the stock markets are ever changing. But, as it turns out, common wisdom can be wrong. Offering a comprehensive look back at the way the markets have acted over the last two decades, How Markets Really Work: A Quantitative Guide to Stock

Market Behavior, Second Edition shows that nothing has changed, that the markets behave the same way today as they have in years past, and that understanding this puts you in a prime position to profit. Written by two top financial experts and filled with charts and graphs that illustrate the market concepts they develop, the book takes a sometimes contrarian view of everything from market edges to historical volatility, and from volume to put/call ratio, giving you all that you need to truly understand how the markets function. Fully revised and updated, How Markets Really Work, Second Edition takes a level-headed, data-driven look

at the markets to show how they function and how you can apply that information intelligently when making investment decisions. Create comprehensive stock valuation models--quickly and efficiently "This amazingly thorough book takes you through real-world financial modeling, provides concise techniques and methods for determining asset value, and offers a blended valuation approach that is responsive to changes in market dynamics. Peer Derived Value, introduced in the book, represents an original and commonsense approach to valuing a stock within its peer group. This book, in my view, is an invaluable addition to any

investor's library." -- William V. Campbell, Chairman, Intuit Corporation Equity Valuation for Analysts and Investors introduces you to the financial statement analysis and model-building methodology used by leading equity research firm Argus Research. Written by Jim Kelleher, the company's director of research, the book offers the tools for estimating individual equity cash value. These include a completely original and proprietary valuation methodology, Peer Derived Value, which values an equity based on the stock's current variation from its historical relation to a user-specified peer group. In a conveniently organized format,

this in-depth guide covers all the tasks you need to master, including:

- Financial statement modeling
- Comparables analysis
- Discounted free cash flow
- Industry matrix models
- Blending valuation inputs to calculate fair value in any market environment

Valuing and predicting the future value of assets and stocks is a laborious task. Successful analysts and investors don't have time for tedious work that is outdated as soon as it's done. *Equity Valuation for Analysts and Investors* is the comprehensive guide to efficient financial statement analysis and model-building from one of the world-leading

independent equity research firms, Argus Research. At the helm of the company's research is author Jim Kelleher, who developed his methodology and model-building techniques during his twenty years covering more than a dozen industries in nearly every sector. A good valuation model is an invaluable tool to help the serious investor: Wring more information from the 10-K and 10-Q Predict unexpected earnings shortfall or positive earnings surprises Master the art of "valuation choreography" One of the biggest challenges to making accurate predictions with a valuation model today is the rapid and constant fluctuation of data. Equity

Valuation for Analysts and Investors provides a tried-and-true process for creating effective, compact models that add new measurement and valuation periods and accommodate a company's unique data presentation and reporting style. This versatile guidebook also provides both a rigorous process and a shortcut for each step in modeling financial statement data so analysts can customize their data focus based on their position in the value chain. When implemented in the real world, the valuation model uses the power of Excel to allow investors to quickly and accurately update their valuations and predictions by

simply inputting adjusted data. Take control of your investments now by managing them based on your own research and Equity Valuation for Analysts and Investors. Doubts have been raised about the rigour and objectivity of sell-side analysts' research due to institutional structures that promote pro-management behaviour. However, research in psychology stresses the importance of controlling for biases in individuals' inherent cognitive processing behaviour when drawing conclusions about their propensity to undertake careful scientific analysis. Using social cognition theory, we predict that the rigour and objectivity evident

in analyst research is more pronounced following unexpected news in general and unexpected bad news in particular. We evaluate this prediction against the null hypothesis that analyst research consistently lacks rigour and objectivity to maintain good relations with management. Using U.S. firm earnings surprises as our conditioning event, we examine the content of analysts' conference call questions and research notes to assess the properties of their research. We find that analysts' notes and conference call questions display material levels of rigour and objectivity when earnings news is unexpectedly positive,

and that these characteristics are more pronounced in response to unexpectedly poor earnings news. Results are consistent with analysts' innate cognitive processing response counteracting institutional considerations when attributional search incentives are strong. Exploratory analysis suggests that studying verbal and written outputs provides a more. The first real-world guide for training equity research analysts—from a Morgan Stanley veteran Addresses the dearth of practical training materials for research analysts in the U.S. and globally Valentine managed a department of 70 analysts and 100 associates at

Morgan Stanley and developed new programs for over 500 employees around the globe He will promote the book through his company's extensive outreach capabilities Applied Equity Analysis treats stock valuation as a practical, hands-on tool rather than a vague, theoretical exercise—and covers the entire valuation process from financial statement analysis through the final investment recommendation. Its integrated approach to valuation builds viable connections between a firm's competitive situation and the ultimate behavior of its common stock. Techniques explained include EVA, newer hybrid valuation techniques,

and relative multiple analysis. A practical guide to making more informed investment decisions Investors often buy or sell stocks too quickly. When you base your purchase decisions on isolated facts and don't take the time to thoroughly understand the businesses you are buying, stock-price swings and third-party opinion can lead to costly investment mistakes. Your decision making at this point becomes dangerous because it is dominated by emotions. The Investment Checklist has been designed to help you develop an in-depth research process, from generating and researching investment ideas to assessing the quality of a

business and its management team. The purpose of The Investment Checklist is to help you implement a principled investing strategy through a series of checklists. In it, a thorough and comprehensive research process is made simpler through the use of straightforward checklists that will allow you to identify quality investment opportunities. Each chapter contains detailed demonstrations of how and where to find the information necessary to answer fundamental questions about investment opportunities. Real-world examples of how investment managers and CEOs apply these universal principles

are also included and help bring the concepts to life. These checklists will help you consider a fuller range of possibilities in your investment strategy, enhance your ability to value your investments by giving you a holistic view of the business and each of its moving parts, identify the risks you are taking, and much more. Offers valuable insights into one of the most important aspects of successful investing, in-depth research. Written in an accessible style that allows aspiring investors to easily understand and apply the concepts covered. Discusses how to think through your investment decisions more carefully. With The

Investment Checklist, you'll quickly be able to ascertain how well you understand your investments by the questions you are able to answer, or not answer, without making the costly mistakes that usually hinder other investors. Research questions the rigor and objectivity of analysts' research due to the institutional structures in which they operate (Fogarty and Rogers, 2005 *Accounting, Organisations and Society*). However, insights from psychology highlight the need to condition this conclusion on the incentives for attributional search. Based on social cognition theory, we test whether the degree of

diligence and criticality evident in analyst research is higher (lower) for negative (non-negative) schema-discrepant events. We evaluate this prediction against the null hypothesis that analyst research consistently lacks rigor and objectivity. We use earnings surprises as our schema-discrepant conditioning event, and examine the content of analysts' conference call questions and research notes to assess the properties of their research. We find that levels of rigor and objectivity are statistically and economically higher for research conducted in response to negative earnings surprises. Findings

are consistent with analysts' innate cognitive processing response counteracting institutional considerations when attributional search incentives are strong. Results also reveal non-trivial levels of rigor and objectivity in response to non-negative schema-discrepant earnings news. Differences in the properties of analysts' work are also evident for spoken and written modalities. What drives entrepreneurship activity among knowledge workers? Are stars more likely to become entrepreneurs? Analysis of entrepreneurial efforts from a panel data set of equity research analysts in investment banks over 1988-1996

(9,531 analyst-year combinations representing 2,602 individual analysts from 24 firms) reveals that (a) star knowledge workers are more likely than their non-star counterparts to become entrepreneurs, (b) the probability of entrepreneurial turnover for knowledge workers is greater in underperforming firms, and (c) the entrepreneurial activity of knowledge workers is procyclical with the performance of the economy. A bold and insightful novel detailing a young Wall Street analyst's fall from grace Chris Kelch is at the top of his game, one of Freshler Feld's rising stars. At only twenty-eight, he's

one of the highest-rated equity research analysts in his sector; last year, he pulled down nearly half a million dollars. His personal life is also on a roll: his girlfriend, the comely Kersten Henry, couldn't be more supportive. Kelch's small-town, single-parent, Midwestern roots seem far behind. But when a thinly veiled profile of Kelch runs in a prominent magazine, things start to go downhill. Not only does the piece reveal company secrets and cast Freshler Feld in a bad light, it also makes him feel like a dupe: the author tricked him into giving an interview. And it reveals far more about Kelch's conflicted feelings about his past and his

job than he has admitted even to himself. Then a stock Kelch handpicked falters, and things go from bad to worse as he is forced to examine just about every assumption, decision, and mistake he's ever made. With suspense and style, Gary Sernovitz's *The Contrarians* not only creates one of the most memorable "money men" in recent American fiction, it also examines, as no novel has done before, the rise-and the seeds of the fall-of late-nineties Wall Street. "There is a strong need for this book by Jeremy Bolland, which dissects all issues relating to securities research. The requirement for better research does not only apply to the US securities

market but to securities markets all over the world. This book is relevant in any setting. It will equip analysts with many useful tools to help them achieve success." —Mark Mobius, President, Templeton Emerging Markets Fund "Jeremy Bolland's book is essential reading for all people involved in writing securities research. Moreover, it is not just a technical and legal guide, but also a timely reminder of the principles of good writing." —Andrew Leeming, Author of *The Super Analysts* "Knowing your ratios and spreadsheets is no longer enough to become an investment analyst. As Jeremy Bolland points out, you need to know your do's and don'ts of

how to approach clients and companies. This guide to doing it properly is an obvious selection for the bookshelf of anyone who aspires to offer investment advice and a fine reference for anyone who receives such advice." —Jake vander Kamp, Financial Columnist, *South China Morning Post* "At last, here's a comprehensive yet easy-to-read guide explaining all the best practice principles involved in writing securities research. It is full of useful information. If all securities analysts followed the guidance that has been clearly laid out in this book by Jeremy Bolland, research enforcement regulators around the world would be out of a job. Anyone

who is involved in writing and publishing research, or using research for investment decisions, from the novice to the expert, should read this book. I highly recommend it."—Anthony Espina, Chairman, Hong Kong Stockbrokers Association

An experienced equity research analyst guides jobseekers every step along the way, from choosing which companies to target, to mastering the specialized interview process, in order to stand out from the pack. " In 2003 and 2004, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), self-regulatory organizations (SRO), and others settled with 12 broker-dealers to address

conflicts of interest between the firms' research and investment banking personnel. The regulators alleged that the firms allowed their investment bankers to pressure equity research analysts in ways that could cause them to issue misleading research to the harm of investors. Under the Global Research Analyst Settlement (Global Settlement), the firms had to undertake reforms designed to sever links between research and investment banking. The SROs also adopted equity research rules to address analyst conflicts across the industry, but these rules were not as stringent in some areas as the Global Settlement. The Dodd-

Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act required GAO to study these issues. This report discusses (1) what is known about the effectiveness of the regulatory actions taken to address analyst conflicts and (2) what further actions, if any, could be taken to address analyst conflicts. GAO reviewed empirical studies and SEC and SRO rules, examination findings, and enforcement actions. GAO interviewed SEC and Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) staff, and market participants and observers. " It is taken for granted in the knowledge economy that companies must employ the most talented

performers to compete and succeed. Many firms try to buy stars by luring them away from competitors. But Boris Groysberg shows what an uncertain and disastrous practice this can be. Chasing Stars offers profound insights into the fundamental nature of outstanding performance. It also offers practical guidance to individuals on how to manage their careers strategically, and to companies on how to identify, develop, and keep talent. --Publisher's description. Here is a chapter from Investment Banking Explained, which provides a clear overview of this complex industry. It covers the history, key terms, structures, and

strategies of investment banking and breaks the business down into its respective specialties--from traders, brokers, and analysts to relationship managers, hedgers, and retirement planners--illustrating how each contributes to the industry as a whole. This comprehensive guide examines the operations of the world's most successful firms, as well as explains how investment banks are forging their international strategies. Applied Equity Analysis treats stock valuation as a practical, hands-on tool rather than a vague, theoretical exercise—and covers the entire valuation process from financial statement analysis

through the final investment recommendation. Its integrated approach to valuation builds viable connections between a firm's competitive situation and the ultimate behavior of its common stock. Techniques explained include EVA, newer hybrid valuation techniques, and relative multiple analysis. Financial Analysts' Forecasts and Stock Recommendations reviews research related to the role of financial analysts in the allocation of resources in capital markets. The authors provide an organized look at the literature, with particular attention to important questions that remain open for further research. They focus research related to analysts'

decision processes and the usefulness of their forecasts and stock recommendations. Some of the major surveys were published in the early 1990's and since then no less than 250 papers related to financial analysts have appeared in the nine major research journals that we used to launch our review of the literature. The research has evolved from descriptions of the statistical properties of analysts' forecasts to investigations of the incentives and decision processes that give rise to those properties. However, in spite of this broader focus, much of analysts' decision processes and the market's mechanism of

drawing a useful consensus from the combination of individual analysts' decisions remain hidden in a black box. What do we know about the relevant valuation metrics and the mechanism by which analysts and investors translate forecasts into present equity values? What do we know about the heuristics relied upon by analysts and the market and the appropriateness of their use? *Financial Analysts' Forecasts and Stock Recommendations* examines these and other questions and concludes by highlighting area for future research. Investors recognize that technology is a powerful tool for obtaining and

interpreting financial data that could give them the one thing everyone on Wall Street wants: an edge. Yet, many don't realize that you don't need to be a programmer to access behind-the-scenes financial information from Bloomberg, IHS Markit, or other systems found at most banks and investment firms. This practical guide teaches analysts a useful subset of Excel skills that will enable them to access and interpret financial information—without any prior programming experience. This book will show analysts, step-by-step, how to quickly produce professional reports that combine their views with Bloomberg or Markit data

including historical financials, comparative analysis, and relative value. For portfolio managers, this book demonstrates how to create professional summary reports that contain a high-level view of a portfolio's performance, growth, risk-adjusted return, and composition. If you are a programmer, this book also contains a parallel path that covers the same topics using C#. Topics include: Access additional data that isn't visible on Bloomberg screens Create tables containing corporate data that makes it possible to compare multiple companies, bonds, or loans side-by-side Build one-page analytic ("Tear Sheet") reports for individual

companies that incorporates important financials, custom notes, relative value comparison of the company to its peers, and price trends with research analyst targets Build two-page portfolio summary report that contains a high-level view of the portfolio's performance, growth, risk-adjusted return, and composition Explore daily prices and facility information for most of the tradable corporate bond and loan market Determine the relationship between two securities (or index) using correlation and regression Compare each security's performance to a cohort made up of securities with similar

risk and return characteristics Measure portfolio risk-adjusted return by calculating variance, standard deviation, and Sharpe ratio Use Markit data to identify meaningful trends in prices, new issue spreads, and refinancings Learn all about what a career in the investment management sector entails in the Vault Career Guide to Investment Management, European Edition. This book describes an equity research approach which combines principles of value investing with domain specific expertise in the technology industry. The book also provides an overview of the financial services industry and the different types of conflicts of interest that

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