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Editorial Review

From the Inside Flap

Fundamentals of Financial Instruments is a comprehensive introduction to the full range of financial products commonly used in the financial markets. Author Sunil Parameswaran offers clear, worked examples of everything from basic equity and debt securities to complex instruments such as derivatives and mortgage-backed securities.

In addition to explaining the instruments, Parameswaran also outlines the structure and dynamics of the free-market system and clearly highlights the environment in which such financial instruments are traded.

Financial securities lend themselves naturally to a quantitative analysis. To ensure that readers, irrespective of their academic background, are able to navigate through the presentation, a detailed chapter is devoted to the topic of interest rates and the time value of money. Thereafter the focus shifts to the intricacies of various financial instruments, including:

- equity and preferred shares
- bonds
- money market instruments
- foreign exchange products
- derivatives
- mortgage-backed securities
- swaps.

The book is intended to serve as a standalone reference for market professionals and MBA students. It can also be used as a detailed reference for augmenting standard textbooks used in courses such as Financial Derivatives, Fixed Income Securities, and International Finance.

From the Back Cover

"This is a careful introduction to securities, securitized products, futures options and vanilla swaps covering their basic structure, market and trading and elementary pricing methods. It will appeal to readers requiring a gentle explanation of the fundamental concepts underlying the main classes of financial instruments, where every step is clearly illustrated by a simple numerical example. There are many specialized advanced mathematical texts on pricing and hedging financial instruments, but few other texts can compete with the clarity of Sunil Parameswaran's *Fundamentals of Financial Instruments* as an introduction to the general subject."

—**Pofessor Carol Alexander**, Chair of Financial Risk Management, ICMA Centre, Henley Business School at Reading Chair of the Board, Professional Risk Manager's International Association

"his book is a comprehensive survey of financial instruments with illustrations to enable an assiduous reader to understand not only their definitions but also the mechanics and numerical implementation. It will prove a valuable reference."

—**Professor Simon Benninga**, Faculty of Management, Tel Aviv University

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text in MBA courses dealing with financial markets and instruments."

—**Professor P.G. Apte**, Professor, Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore, India

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