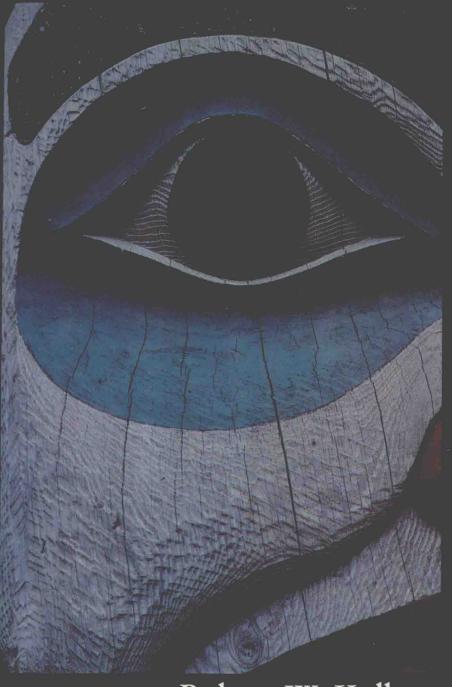
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### Preface

The Fourth Edition of *Investments* builds on the strength of the first three editions, and it features a number of important refinements. As with the first three editions, *Investments* provides a comprehensive analytical survey of the investments field, including portfolio theory and security analysis. Furthermore, it incorporates an integrated treatment of financial derivatives, with chapters on futures, options, swaps, and financial engineering. The text has been thoroughly revised and updated, and its readability has been improved throughout. As a learning vehicle, this new edition of *Investments* continues the comprehensive approach adopted in the Third Edition. As an integral part of the entire package, *Investments* includes:

- the text
- a Student Resource Manual and Software Guide
- an extensive selection of computer programs and exercises designed to enhance the learning of investments.

These elements are fully integrated, and they are designed to be mutually supportive.

#### The Text

The *Investments* text has many distinctive features. Capital Market Theory is kept in view throughout. The text is quantitative enough to support analytical rigor, but advanced topics are generally presented without an overly mathematical treatment. For example, *Investments* takes an intuitive approach to such topics as market anomalies, the joint character of tests of the Efficient Markets Hypothesis and the Capital Asset Pricing Model, Roll's critique of the CAPM, and the Arbitrage Pricing Theory.

Every chapter includes a section of questions and problems (to be used with the Instructor's Manual) and a list of Suggested Readings relevant to the chapter. In the Fourth Edition, these student exercises have been greatly strengthened in two ways. First, the text includes more than 100 questions and problems that have been drawn from recent examinations for the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation. These are reprinted by permission of the Association for Investment Management and Research (AIMR). They are clearly labeled and emphasize to the student that the material covered in the text has a strong and obvious practical relevance. Second, the end-of-chapter questions and problems include a number of exercises using real-world data that reinforce the material covered in the chapter.

Consistent with changing finance curriculums, this new edition of *Investments* has a higher proportion of international topics than virtually any other text in the market. Most chapters include a treatment of international topics as an integrated feature of the chapter development.

Investments is organized into five parts. Since the book makes no assumptions about previous study or knowledge of investments, Part One examines market fundamentals and organization. After introducing the concepts of risk and return in Chapter 1, the two most prevalent kinds of securities—stocks and bonds—are discussed. Chapter 2 deals with the debt market, and Chapter 3 focuses on the stock market. Chapter 4 examines security issuance, and Chapter 5 lists sources of investment information. Part One closes with a detailed look at regulation and taxation in Chapter 6. While much of this material is descriptive and institutional in character, it provides the necessary background for understanding risks, returns, and their trade—offs.

Part Two explores investing in fixed income securities. Bond pricing and bond portfolio management are examined. In Chapter 7, general principles of bond prices and price behavior are developed and duration is explained. In addition, Chapter 7 includes a discussion of convexity. Chapter 8 discusses bond portfolio management and considers the term structure of interest rates, the risk structure of interest rates, portfolio maturity strategies, and immunization techniques.

Part Three focuses on investing in equities. Traditional fundamental stock analysis is presented by looking at the decision rules for investing in stocks. Chapter 9 develops stock pricing principles through the Dividend Valuation Model. The three traditional phases of stock analysis are then presented in three respective chapters: Chapter 10 covers analysis of the economy, Chapter 11 covers industry analysis, and Chapter 12 focuses on company analysis. Concepts explored in these three chapters include leading economic indicators and forecasting results, demographic factors and social change, and the Fundamental Analyst's Model with the factors that determine the justified P/E ratio.

In a complex and varied security market, the investor must evaluate many different securities and types of securities. It is across these many instruments that the investor must allocate investment funds. The study of the best way to apportion funds to existing investment opportunities is treated in Part Four, portfolio management. Diversification and portfolio formation are treated in Chapter 13. In Chapter 14, the market price of risk is developed through analysis of the capital market line and the security market line. The effect of the efficient markets hypothesis on the performance standard set up in the capital asset pricing model (CAPM) is explored in Chapter 15, as are challenges to the CAPM. Chapter 16 looks at mutual funds, an entire industry which has grown up around the concept of diversification.

Part Five explores financial derivatives, and it consists of separate chapters on futures, options, swaps, and financial engineering. Chapter 17 examines the role of futures contracts in controlling risk in portfolio management, and Chapter 18 does the same for options. Chapter 19 provides an introduction to the swap market. Chapter 20, on financial engineering, shows how futures, options, and swaps can be used together to create new products with special risk and return characteristics.

#### The Student Resource Manual

This 500-page book is an integral part of the *Investments* learning package. For each chapter, the Manual includes a detailed outline of the chapter contents, numerous multiple-choice study questions, and a review of the chapter's key terms and concepts. In addition, there are study questions and problems with answers and solutions for all of chapters.

#### Software

As an integral part of the entire learning package, *Investments* includes three different types of software. Most finance texts do not include software. Of those texts accompanied by software, the software is generally an afterthought. In many instances, the software is not specific to the text and it lacks instructions.

Investments is different; it includes three dramatically different computer and software resources to aid in learning investments. The Fourth Edition of Investments includes REALDATA—a comprehensive resource of real—world data and more than 100 computer exercises that employ the data. Second, the book contains the latest version of the Investmaster software that accompanied earlier editions. The third program is STUDY!, which is essentially a study guide and self–testing program on a disk. Each of these programs is discussed fully in the software instructions portion of the Student Resource Manual.

**REALDATA.** REALDATA consists of approximately 700 time series of real–world financial and economic data. The types of data range from money supply figures, to interest rate series, to stock returns data, to mutual fund indexes, to price indexes, and beyond. These data are contained in 36 spreadsheet files. The instructions in the *Student Resource Manual* present definitions of each series so that students can find a particular variable easily. The *Student Resource Manual* also contains more than 100 computer exercises using the data provided. For example, one exercise might ask a student to find and interpret the beta of Apple Computer. Another exercise might ask students to compute and explain the correlations among alternative stock market indexes. These exercises are keyed to particular chapters of *Investments* so that students may solve the exercises to build their knowledge of particular concepts they are studying. I have used *REALDATA* in my investment classes, and I have found it to be a powerful tool for helping students extend their understanding.

*Investmaster. Investmaster*, which accompanied earlier editions of this text, has been revised to accompany the Fourth Edition. The program contains ten modules that cover the gamut of the investments course, including: coupon bond analysis, the dividend valuation model, the Black–Scholes option pricing model, portfolio diversification, regression analysis, and statistical analysis.

Where appropriate, each module includes a graphics feature. For example, it is very easy to use *Investmaster* to explore how changing the correlation between the returns of two securities will affect the risk of a two-asset portfolio. *Investmaster* can graph this changing relationship with ease. The user can save and recall data sets

for further analysis. *Investmaster* can save its graphs to a PCX file for printing by most standard word processing programs. In sum, *Investmaster* has become a proven software support item, and this new version includes a number of important improvements and enhancements.

**STUDY!**. The program *STUDY!* includes a bank of multiple–choice questions created specifically for *Investments*. The student begins the program by selecting any combination of chapters for study. The program loads all available questions for those chapters in a random order and begins to present them to the student. If the student answers correctly, the program updates the student's score on screen and moves to the next question. If the student's answer is wrong, the program gives the correct answer and updates the score. By using the *STUDY!* program, students can cover all of the essential conceptual issues in any set of chapters that they choose.

#### The Instructor's Package

Investments is supplemented by a complete instructional package. I believe it is the best package to accompany any text. It includes four elements.

- ♦ Instructor's Manual and Test Bank
- Computerized Test Bank
- ♦ Transparency Masters of tables and figures
- ♦ Lecture Notes presented as transparency masters

The Instructor's Manual and Test Bank contains answers and solutions to all end-of-chapter questions and problems, including the CFA questions and solutions to all *REALDATA* exercises. It also contains a multiple-choice test bank. The Computerized Test Bank is prepared for IBM-PC type computers. It consists of files of multiple-choice questions for each chapter. (These are the same questions printed in the Instructor's Manual and Test Bank.) The Test Bank questions are presented in WordPerfect files. This approach allows the instructor to use his or her familiar word processing software and avoids the need for learning a specialized test-generating software package.

The Instructor's Package also includes a comprehensive set of Transparency Masters of tables and figures from the text. In addition, the Instructor's Package provides a comprehensive set of Lecture Notes to cover all of the key topics in the text. These are presented in large type, so they can be used as easy-to-see lecture notes, or they can be used as transparency masters for outlines of lecture topics.

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