



# Financial Institutions and Markets

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### **Preface**

Financial Institutions and Markets, Second Edition, provides a thorough introduction to the financial system of the United States and includes a substantial international focus as well. The text is equally suitable for a first course in finance or in a course that follows an introductory corporate finance class.

Financial Institutions and Markets has three special emphases that distinguish this text from its competitors. The text:

- Employs a more analytical approach
- Provides more comprehensive coverage
- Offers an unparalleled student learning package

#### A More Analytical Approach

Many texts designed for courses on financial institutions and markets remain merely descriptive and virtually ignore the analytical and conceptual tools that constitute the foundation of the finance discipline. *Financial Institutions and Markets* consciously breaks with this non-analytical tradition. For example, Chapters 4 and 5 provide a detailed treatment of the time value of money, and they employ these fundamental concepts throughout the text: in the discussion of bond pricing, stock valuation, and option pricing, for example.

Almost all financial institutions texts discuss asset and liability management, but most offer only a purely descriptive treatment. By contrast, *Financial Institutions and Markets* explains duration, presents the formula and sample calculations, and illustrates the basic concepts with numerical examples of duration and its effect on bank balance sheets.

While the text offers a full description of institutions and markets as well, this more analytical approach pervades the entire text: from time value, to duration, to equity valuation, to cash management, to the Black-Scholes option pricing model. Throughout, the analytics are presented, discussed, and illustrated numerically.

#### More Comprehensive Coverage

The economy relies on a financial system, but in many texts the idea of a financial system is lost, particularly because many texts omit important financial institutions and markets. For example, many texts ignore finance companies, gloss over the role of pension funds, forget insurance companies, mention financial futures and options only in passing, and appear never to have heard of the swap market.

Financial Institutions and Markets stands in marked contrast to these texts, with separate chapters on all these topics. For example, Chapter 22, Pension Funds, discusses the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation and relates its financial troubles to those that have plagued depository institutions, discussed at length in Chapter 14, Regulation of Depository Institutions. Chapter 23, The Futures Market, focuses on financial futures and stresses the no-arbitrage relationship between futures and equities and between futures and bonds. Chapter 19, Financial Conglomerates and Subsidiaries, discusses the growing role of finance companies and shows how

regulatory developments and the malaise affecting depository institutions have helped these firms enter markets formerly dominated by banks and savings and loan associations. The chapter also provides detailed discussion of specific finance companies or subsidiaries (Sears, Merrill Lynch, and General Electric) to show the wide variety of strategies and the different markets in which finance companies operate. We believe that *Financial Institutions and Markets* offers a more comprehensive and better integrated coverage of the financial system than any competing text.

#### **Student Learning Package**

Financial Institutions and Markets offers a comprehensive computerized learning package for the student.

The program STUDY! accompanies the text and includes a bank of multiple-choice questions created specifically for Financial Institutions and Markets. 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.

REALDATA, Second Edition is a collection of historical data series covering a wide range of financial institutions and markets and is available for purchase by Blackwell Publishers Inc. References to suggested REALDATA exercises are located at the end of the chapters.

#### Instructor's Materials

In addition to the learning package for students, *Financial Institutions and Markets* provides extensive instructor support. The Instructor's Manual includes answers and solutions to all end-of-chapter questions and problems. The Instructor's Manual also includes a test bank for each chapter, which is also available in computerized form.

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#### Part 1

## The Financial System and the Economy

Chapter 1 The Role of Financial Institutions and Markets

Chapter 2 The Federal Reserve in the U.S. Economy

Chapter 3 The Money Supply and Deposit Expansion

Chapter 4 The Time Value of Money: Single Payments

Chapter 5 The Time Value of Money: Series of Payments

Part 1 of this book introduces some of the basic concepts that are necessary to understand the behavior of financial institutions and the markets in which they operate. This foundation is laid out in the first five chapters.

Chapter 1 presents an introduction showing the benefits that a society derives from a sophisticated financial system. Starting with a simple economy with no investment and no financial system, the chapter explains how investment and the possibility of borrowing and lending make individuals better off.

In the United States, the Federal Reserve, or simply the Fed, has the functions of a central bank. As such, it is responsible for controlling the money supply and overseeing the entire financial system. Chapter 2 describes the structure and functioning of the Federal Reserve system. It also gives a brief description of the main monetary policy instruments the Fed uses to control the stock of money in the economy: required reserves, open market operations, and the discount window.

Chapter 1 introduces the concept of money in a simple "Robinson Crusoe" economy; Chapter 3 continues the study of money in a more realistic setting. For instance, concepts such as the velocity of money, the monetary base, and the money multiplier are discussed in detail. This chapter also provides a detailed explanation of how money is created by the actions of the Fed. It also shows how money is then multiplied by the actions of the entire banking system.

Chapters 4 and 5 discuss the most fundamental concept in all of finance: the time value of money. Chapter 4 concentrates on the time value of single payments. Chapter 5 builds on this foundation and discusses the time value of money of a series of payments. The chapter shows how to value annuities, perpetuities, growing annuities, growing perpetuities, and other types of cash flow streams. Knowledge of the time value of money concepts is essential in understanding many of the analytical results presented later in the book.

## The Role of Financial Institutions and Markets



#### Overview

As we begin our study of financial institutions and financial markets, this chapter explains why they are important and how they benefit virtually all members of the economy. We begin by considering a financially primordial world – a world without money. Without money, there can be no financial assets, such as stocks or bonds, and there can be no financial investment. Investment choices are limited to real assets, such as tools and shelter, and to real investment, such as planting seed or making tools.

After examining such a primitive economy, we consider progressively more elaborate economies by allowing a richer structure of financial institutions and markets. Without question, the development of a financial system benefits society. For instance, the individual's opportunity to borrow funds against future income may improve the economic well-being of the borrower. Showing how the financial system enriches the lives of people in the economy is one of the main goals of this chapter.

If a healthy, robust, and well-developed financial system confers benefits on the members of an economy, it is certainly worth understanding. This text provides an overview of the financial system by focusing on the various financial markets and institutions and the ways they interact. This chapter concludes with a discussion of how the text is organized and the way in which it leads to an understanding of the role of the financial system in the broader economy.

#### An Economy with No Exchange

The most primitive economy imaginable is one in which there is no opportunity to exchange one good for another. In Daniel Defoe's famous novel, Robinson Crusoe was shipwrecked on an island alone, except for his man Friday. Considering Crusoe and Friday as one economic unit, there was no possibility of exchanging one good for another, simply because there were no other economic units on the island. In this simple economy, it is obvious that there is no financial system.

Crusoe faces very few economic decisions. One of the most critical is the problem of consumption versus investment. Assume that Crusoe has some seed corn that was salvaged from the shipwreck. Crusoe and Friday may eat this corn now, store it for future consumption, or plant it to produce more corn for future consumption. Assuming that this corn is the only food Crusoe has and that it cannot be saved past next year, Crusoe must decide how much corn to consume this year and how much to save for the next period. Crusoe must consume some corn now to stay alive, so he cannot save or plant all of the corn.

Figure 1.1 shows Crusoe's consumption opportunities for this year (the current period) and for next year (the second period), assuming that Crusoe cannot plant the corn, perhaps because the island is made up of volcanic lava. Although this restriction on planting means that Crusoe's prospects for reaching old age are slim, his decision now becomes even easier. Crusoe's problem