Preface to the Second Edition

Since the first edition was published in 2006, this encyclopedia has been very popular in both academic and practitioner professions. It has been the most downloaded book in the area of finance and economics, which was published by Springer.

In this new edition, we have revised Part I, Part II and Appendices extensively. In Part I, we added more than 200 terminologies and essays. In Part II, we added 24 new chapters. Finally, we added four new appendices. The new chapters and appendices can be found in the table content.

Seventy-four papers included in Part II can be classified into eight groups as follows:

(a) Investment analysis and portfolio management (chapters 4, 8, 11, 13, 20, 22, 30, 32, 35, 41, 46, 49, 55, 62, and 66)
(b) Financial management and corporate finance (chapters 12, 19, 23, 27, 28, 29, 33, 40, 43, 52, 57, 64, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, and 73)
(c) International finance (chapters 5, 7, 16, 31, 34, 42, 43, 48, 51, 53, and 67)
(d) Microstructure (chapters 17, 18, 21, 31, 36, 37, 38, 39, and 45)
(e) Asset pricing (chapters 9, 10, 11, 13, 35, 58, and 63)
(f) Financial institutions and markets (chapters 2, 3, 14, 25, 47, and 54)
(g) Derivatives (chapters 6, 29, 44, and 65)
(h) Real estate finance (chapters 15, 26, 59, and 50)
(i) Risk management (chapters 5, 6, 7, 23, 24, 25, 40, 56, 60, 61, 74, and 75)

For both undergraduate and graduate students, this encyclopedia is a good supplementary material for the above-listed finance courses. In addition, this encyclopedia can be a good supplementary material for financial accounting courses. We believe that this encyclopedia will not only be useful to students but also for professors and practitioners in the field of finance as a reference.

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We hope that the readers will find the encyclopedia to be an invaluable resource.

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