

## Applied Mergers And Acquisitions

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Global in scope and written by leading scholars in the field, the Research Handbook on Mergers and Acquisitions is a modern-day survey of the state of M&A. Its chapters explore the history of mergers and acquisitions and also consider the theory behind the structure of modern transaction documentation. The book also address other key M&A issues, such as takeover defenses; judges and practitioners' perspectives on litigation; the appraisal remedy and other aspects of Federal and state law, as well as M&A considerations in the structure of start-ups. This Handbook will be an invaluable resource for scholars, practitioners, judges and legislators.

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This book highlights research-based case studies in order to analyze the wealth created in the world's largest mergers and acquisitions (M&A). This book encourages cross fertilization in theory building and applied research by examining the links between M&A and wealth creation. Each chapter covers a specific case and offers a focused clinical examination of the entire lifecycle of M&A for each mega deal, exploring all aspects of the process. The success of M&A are analyzed through two main research approaches: event studies and financial performance analyses. The event studies examine the abnormal returns to the shareholders in the period surrounding the merger announcement. The financial performance studies examine the reported financial results of acquirers before and after the acquisition to see whether financial performance has improved after merger. The relation between method of payment, premium paid and stock returns are examined. The chapters also discuss synergies of the deal-cost and revenue synergies. Mergers and acquisitions represent a major force in modern financial and economic environment. Whether in times of boom or bust, M&As have emerged as a compelling strategy for growth. The biggest companies of modern day have all taken form through a series of restructuring activities like multiple mergers. Acquisitions continue to remain as the quickest route companies take to operate in new markets and to add new capabilities and resources. The cases covered in this book highlights high profile M&As and focuses on the wealth creation for shareholders of acquirer and target firms as a financial assessment of the merger's success. The book should be useful for finance professionals, corporate planners, strategists, and managers.

"Before reading *The Panic of 1907*, the year 1907 seemed like a long time ago and a different world. The authors, however, bring this story alive in a fast-moving book, and the reader sees how events of that time are very relevant for today's financial world. In spite of all of our advances, including a stronger monetary system and modern tools for managing risk, Bruner and Carr help us understand that we are not immune to a future crisis." —Dwight B. Crane, Baker Foundation Professor, Harvard Business School "Bruner and Carr provide a thorough, masterly, and highly readable account of the 1907 crisis and its management by the great private banker J. P. Morgan. Congress heeded the lessons of 1907, launching the Federal Reserve System in 1913 to prevent banking panics and foster financial stability. We still have

financial problems. But because of 1907 and Morgan, a century later we have a respected central bank as well as greater confidence in our money and our banks than our great-grandparents had in theirs." —Richard Sylla, Henry Kaufman Professor of the History of Financial Institutions and Markets, and Professor of Economics, Stern School of Business, New York University "A fascinating portrayal of the events and personalities of the crisis and panic of 1907. Lessons learned and parallels to the present have great relevance. Crises and panics are as much a part of our future as our past." —John Strangfeld, Vice Chairman, Prudential Financial "Who would have thought that a hundred years after the Panic of 1907 so much remained to be written about it? Bruner and Carr break significant new ground because they are willing to do the heavy lifting of combing through massive archival material to identify and weave together important facts. Their book will be of interest not only to banking theorists and financial historians, but also to business school and economics students, for its rare ability to teach so clearly why and how a panic unfolds." —Charles Calomiris, Henry Kaufman Professor of Financial Institutions, Columbia University, Graduate School of Business

Research paper from the year 2011 in the subject Business economics - Investment and Finance, grade: 87 %, University of Sunderland, course: Applied Research Methods for Business and Management, language: English, abstract: Throughout the last decades, mergers and acquisitions (M&A) are achieving increasing importance in the corporate world. There are many motives such as to increase the market power and competitive advantage, to reduce dependence on suppliers, to gain fast access to new market etc. why managers adopting an acquisitions strategy. Nevertheless, many M&As have been unsuccessful in the past due to incompetent managers, poor ethics, inadequate analysis prior the deal, and diversification away from the core business of the company. Therefore, a careful industry, target company, and product portfolio analysis must be made before the deal. The literature provides different frameworks and analytical tools that can be used in the M&A process in order to avoid typical risks. However, because of the uniqueness of each M&A deal, it is important to gain further insights in these transactions in order to provide an appropriate guideline on how to select an optimal M&A target.

This book was designed not only for owners and managers of middle market businesses but as a training text for middle market M&A investment bankers and consultants. It discusses the art and science of middle market M&A as well the all-important psychology and behind-the-scenes negotiations pursued with a particular emphasis on obtaining the absolute highest value when selling a business. Subjects addressed include valuation, taxation, negotiations, M&A conventions, among many others from the buy-side and sell-side perspectives. Subtitled "Tales of A Deal Junkie," this serious but occasionally irreverent book tells it like it is, including anecdotes to provide a "feel" for what really goes on in middle market transactions. The author, a former practicing CPA and a business valuation expert, is a veteran M&A investment banker with years of real life experience. He also is a widely-acclaimed instructor in the M&A field and a nationally-respected practitioner who has trained thousands of investment bankers. No comparable book on the market today provides this degree of comprehensive and invaluable insight.

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The Applied Mergers and Acquisitions Workbook provides a useful self-training study guide for readers of Applied Mergers and Acquisitions who want to review the drivers of M&A success and failure. Useful review questions as well as problems and answers are provided for both professionals and students. Readers will further their knowledge, build practical intuition, and learn the art and science of M&A by using this comprehensive self-study workbook in conjunction with the main text.

Seminar paper from the year 2016 in the subject Business economics - Operations Research, Heilbronn University, language: English, abstract: Mergers and acquisitions have been taking place since decades and will continue. There are a lot of facts about benefits, about the risks or new methods to be profitable in a merger or an acquisition. A lot of literature shows us that more than about 60% of the mergers and acquisitions are a failure. Besides, the high failure rates this paper illustrates deal motivations for mergers and acquisitions. This paper was written by an author whose mother tongue is not English. Please excuse any mistakes or inconsistencies.

Project Report from the year 2010 in the subject Business economics - Business Management, Corporate Governance, grade: 1,0, , course: Strategic Management and Business Policy, language: English, abstract: Mergers & Acquisitions (M&A) are an increasingly important instrument for direct investment and growth in companies all over the world. They are very complex procedures, prior researches show that approximately 64% of all M&A's do not produce the expected benefits, more than 50% do not even repay the investment (Boglarsky, 2005). Common reasons, assumed by experts, are lacking preparation, management mistakes and insufficient compatibility. The explanation why M&A's are still so attractive are the very high profit opportunities. (Wirtz, 2003) This research aims to investigate on the importance of strategic management and corporate governance for the success of M&A's. It will provide deeper understanding of the relationship between those very important aspects and the success of one of the most critical investment strategies. To conduct the research, two very different Mergers of DaimlerChrysler and Sony Ericsson were analysed and compared. The DaimlerChrysler merger on the one hand is often regarded to as one of the best examples of failure. Taking the situation before the merger, it could have been a very successful event. Mismanagement and lacking implementation of corporate governance though, destroyed every possibility of a profitable future. Sony Ericsson on the other hand is a very successful Joint Venture, even though there were some difficulties at the beginning. Thanks to a very clear vision, culture and the determination to learn, Sony Ericsson is today one of the leading companies in the mobile market. We are interested to see, how the theory of mergers and acquisitions can be applied to companies of our day to day life and how important strategic management and corporate governance really are for the success of a company.

A comprehensive look at the enormous growth and evolution of distressed debt, corporate bankruptcy, and credit risk default This Third Edition of the most authoritative finance book on the topic updates and expands its discussion of corporate distress and bankruptcy, as well as the related markets dealing with high-yield and distressed debt, and offers state-of-the-art analysis and research on the costs of bankruptcy, credit default prediction, the post-emergence period performance of bankrupt firms, and more. Edward I. Altman (New York, NY) is the Max L. Heine Professor of Finance at the Stern School of Business, New York University. He received his MBA and PhD in finance from the University of California, Los Angeles. Edith Hotchkiss (Chester Hill, MA) is Associate Professor of Finance at Boston College. She received her PhD from the Stern School of Business and her BA from Dartmouth College. Almost 70% of mergers fail, yet deals are essential for growing world-class companies.

Therefore they must use all the tools and techniques at their disposal to improve their chances of success. Applying the techniques advocated in this book can help managers beat the odds - and employees themselves - to have an impact on whether a deal will be successful both for the company and for themselves. This book looks at the process of a merger or acquisition and pinpoints the areas where business intelligence can raise the odds of success in each phase of the deal. Using techniques developed by governmental intelligence services and a wide range of recent case studies, quotations and anecdotes, the expert authors from the renowned Cass Business School show how to build success into any M&A situation. The first edition of *Intelligent M&A* was written in 2006 and published in 2007. This preceded the peak year (2007) of the last merger wave, including the excesses in a number of industries and deals (e.g., financial services with RBS' dramatically failed acquisition of ABN AMRO as a key example), and the global economic downturn that led to a completely new way of operating for many industries and companies. Therefore, there is a need to update the book to incorporate not just more relevant and up-to-date case studies of deals but to show the 'new' way of operating in a post-Lehman environment. Chapters will be comprehensively re-written and populated with new and relevant case studies.

Mergers and acquisitions are widely researched in the United States. The picture of M&A in China, however, is still vague. There are a large number of great companies in the United States growing to global powerhouse through M&A, which are rare cases in China. This book presents the current status of China's M&A from a holistic perspective through comparison with global M&A landmark. The author started from the enduring corporate strategy thinking, and then articulated typical M&A deal making process all the way through operational integration. The framework is well applied to compare two groups of companies, Ping An of China and Shanghai Fosun from China versus Cisco and the Bank of America from the US. The findings, quite interested indeed, imply significant lessons to Chinese firms as well as their counterparts in the US.

In-depth coverage in a single handbook of the middle market based on the body of knowledge of the Certified M&A Advisor credential program M&A advisors have an unprecedented opportunity in the middle market with the generational transfer of wealth and capital being deployed by private equity and corporate investors. *Middle Market M&A: Handbook for Investment Banking and Business Consulting* is a must-read for investment bankers, M&A intermediaries and specialists, CPAs and accountants, valuation experts, deal and transaction attorneys, wealth managers and investors, corporate development leaders, consultants and advisors, CEOs, and CFOs. Provides a holistic overview and guide on mergers, acquisitions, divestitures and strategic transactions of companies with revenues from \$5 million to \$500 million Encompasses current market trends, activities, and strategies covering pre, during, and post transaction Addresses the processes and core subject areas required to successfully navigate and close deals in the private capital market Includes content on engagement and practice management for those involved in the M&A business This practical guide and reference is also an excellent primer for those seeking to obtain their FINRA Series 79 license.

*Mergers, Acquisitions, and Other Restructuring Activities: An Integrated Approach to Process, Tools, Cases, and Solutions, Tenth Edition*, is the most comprehensive and cutting-edge text available on the subject. Supported by recent peer-reviewed academic research, this book provides many recent, notable deals, precedent-setting judicial decisions, government policies and regulations, and trends affecting M&As, as

well as takeover strategies and tactics. Today's policies, politics and economics are reflected in the book's 40 case studies, 90% of which involve deals either announced or completed during the last several years. These cases represent friendly, hostile, highly leveraged, and cross-border transactions in ten different industries, involving public and private firms and those experiencing financial distress. Sections discuss an overview of M&As, key regulations, common strategies and tactics, how managers may choose a business strategy from available options, valuation methods and basic financial modeling techniques, the negotiating process, how deal structuring and financing are inextricably linked, how consensus is reached during the bargaining process, the role of financial models in closing the deal and strategic growth options as alternatives to domestic M&As. Provides a rigorous discussion of the strengths and limitations of financial modeling as applied to M&A and how these models can be applied in various areas Includes new academic research and updated/revised case studies Presents updated M&A tactics and strategies, along with court cases and new regulations governing business combinations, valuation methodologies and financing Prompted by an increasing number of mergers and acquisitions (M&As), Denise Dahlhoff investigates the role of marketing-related motives in M&As in the U.S. food industry.

Inhaltsangabe:Abstract: The objective of this dissertation is to examine the application of Real Options for the evaluation of companies with regard to acquisitions. There has been an intensive scientific discussion in the past years about the Real Options method for the evaluation of investments and mergers & acquisitions as in practice usually the management tries to capture future developments with static methods of capital budgeting. For example, future cash-flows are discounted with a fixed risk-adjusted discount rate. Therefore, the Real Options approach has been applied very rarely as it has the reputation of high complexity and poor practicability in daily business. However, the use of present values and capitalized values may produce pitfalls in acquisition decisions as strategic investment decisions might be characterized by a wide range of possibilities to react flexibly to a fast changing environment. In chapter 1, the term Mergers & Acquisitions (M&A) is defined and the motives as well as the relevance of M&A transactions for different branches are described in detail. Furthermore, the process and the different phases of a merger or an acquisition are explained. Chapter 2 presents traditional evaluation methods of static net present value, sensitivity analysis, Monte Carlo and decision tree. These classic methods are discussed and a comparison is drawn among these techniques in regard to practicability. At the end of this chapter, a evaluation is presented in regard to specific situations with the mayor parameter of uncertainty and flexibility for the application of these classic methods. The basic concept of option pricing is described in chapter 3. In addition, the Black-Scholes equation and the underlying assumptions are explained in detail in order to understand financial options, which are the basic for the Real Options approach. At the end of the chapter, an example of a call and put option is discussed in order to understand the functioning of options. Chapter 4 presents an introduction and definition of the Real Options method. Furthermore, the value drivers and the value creation due to the application of Real Options are discussed and analyzed in detail. After the discussion of the functioning of Real Options, a comparison of the analogy between financial Options and Real Options is done in order to possible differences. In this context, the limitations



education. The first is acquiring a thorough understanding of the theories of modern finance and the second is acquiring an appreciation for how these theories can be applied to important decisions. Enrique Arzac has taken on this task and made it a successful venture for readers of this book. Unlike other texts on valuation, he explains the reasons for the process and sequence that he recommends rather than just providing the ingredients and the recipe without explanation. This is a welcome addition to the literature in applied corporate finance."--Joel M. Stern, Managing Partner, Stern, Stewart & Co.

Mergers and acquisitions remain one of the most common forms of growth, yet they present considerable challenges for the companies and management involved. The effects on stakeholders, including shareholders, managers and employees, must be considered as well as the wider implications for the economy, the level of competition and employment. By drawing on classic research perspectives and placing them alongside more recent alternatives, this book provides readers with a focused yet far-reaching introduction to the study of M&As. Each paper is set in context by editorial commentaries and reflects the important organizational and behavioural aspects which have often been ignored in the past. By providing this in-depth understanding of the mergers and acquisitions process, the reader understands, not only how and why mergers and acquisitions occur, but also the broader implications for organizations. The book is structured clearly into sections concerned with the issues that arise before, during and after the mergers and acquisitions process including motives and planning, partner selection, integration, employee experiences and communication. A unique collection of selected readings and contextualising commentary, this volume will greatly appeal to MBA and graduate students as well as experienced practitioners.

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The book bridges hitherto separate disciplines engaged in research in mergers and acquisitions (M&A) to integrate strategic, financial, socio-cultural, and sectorial approaches to the field. It examines the management processes involved, as well as valuations and post-acquisition performance, and considers international and sectorial dimensions.

Drawing on twenty years of merger analysis literature, this single source offers practical solutions to a wide range of problems faced by specialists working in the field of mergers and acquisitions. The authors take an industrial organization approach in which effects on profits, on consumer surplus and on overall welfare are of greatest relevance. The focus is primarily on horizontal mergers, although vertical and conglomerate mergers are addressed when producers of complementary goods are involved. Among the issues and elements examined, the authors provide answers to the following: How does a merger affect the insider firm's profitability? Why may outsiders stock market value increase or decrease following a merger? What are the expected welfare effects of a merger? What sort of arguments can be used for merger defense? How do

economists model the firm's merging decision? How can the authorities simulate the price effects of a horizontal merger? Is post-merger entry likely to compensate the effects of a merger? The discussion proceeds from an analysis of the simplest exercise of market power to evermore complex merger environments. In their detailed coverage of policy evaluation of proposed acquisitions, the authors provide a merger simulation toolkit which can be applied to important recent judicial decisions in the field. This book will be of great value not only to academics in microeconomics and industrial organization, but also to lawyers and officials seeking expert practical guidance in the business or administrative responsibilities surrounding mergers and acquisitions.

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Citing a high percentage of mergers that fail, a guide to growing a world-class company outlines recommended techniques for successful mergers and acquisitions based on effective case examples, incorporating into the new edition strategies for operating in a post-Lehman environment.

In Business Development, Mergers & Acquisitions (M&A) have become an increasingly attractive growth opportunity among companies over a long period of time. Nowadays, there is hardly a day where current developments of ongoing M&A transactions or speculations about presumed M&A deals cannot be followed in the daily press. It is proved that a huge number of M&A did not deliver on their promises. The majority of failed M&A are a result of mismanagement during the Post Merger Integration (PMI) when processes have to be adjusted, personnel need to be teamed up and corporate cultures have to be reconciled. This study deals predominantly with aspects of synergy management whereby the main focus is on synergy tracking as a support function of the synergy management. An emphasis is on the analysis of realization efforts that need to be done by the management during the PMI. To provide a solution and ease the aforementioned issues of synergy realization, a synergy tracking tool, which serves as an effective support instrument during the PMI is developed.

**THE NEW M&A STRATEGY FOR LONG-TERM SUCCESS IN TODAY'S VOLATILE MARKETS** "Rich in examples and details, well-grounded in wisdom from years of experience, and blessedly practical . . . engaging, well-written, and loaded with worthy insights. Study this book and prosper." -- DR. ROBERT B RUNER, Dean, University of Virginia's Darden School of Business, and author of Deals from Hell, The Panic of 1907, and Applied Mergers & Acquisitions.

"Drawing on his experience with more than 100 M&A transactions, Hoffmann has written a definitive 'how-to' for acquiring companies in the below \$50 million sales market space. The examples . . . [offer] astute insight into every feature of the topic." -- DR. NANCY BAGRANOFF, Dean, Robins School of Business of the

University of Richmond; President of the American Accounting Association; and coauthor of Core Concepts of Consulting for Accountants and Core Concepts of IT Auditing. "This is a wonderful history with compelling lessons from the great successes of the Trader Publishing and Landmark Communications leadership and business model. The reflection on past deals gone wrong helps the reader understand why you do deals, how to pursue M&A, and what principles you need to be successful." -- MACON B. ROCK, founder and Chairman of Dollar Tree Stores, Inc., and founder and former President of K&K Toys. "A must-read for those who hope to start small and grow big by acquiring, improving, and innovating. Following his rules may not lead you to be part of the 1 percent, but it will certainly keep you from being part of the 70 percent that fail." -- HOWARD S. TEVENSON, Senior Associate Dean, Harvard University; Director of Publishing, Harvard Business Publishing Company board; and author of New Business Ventures and the Entrepreneur, Make Your Own Luck, and Do Lunch or Be Lunch.

Seminar paper from the year 2006 in the subject Business economics - Investment and Finance, grade: 1,3, University of Applied Sciences Essen, course: International Finance, language: English, abstract: Risk minimization and return maximization is what managers, shareholders and even private investors aspire. However, risk and return are highly correlated so that investors have to manage this trade-off. Risk management is thus essential both for investment managers and company executives. Within portfolio management and corporate practice risk can be reduced by diversification. In the "Risk Management" part Portfolio Theory - particularly Markowitz' Portfolio Selection - is to be introduced and the most common measures of risk i.e. volatility, covariance, correlation and the beta factor are to be presented. The next section refers to Mergers and Acquisitions and starts with a general introduction of the topic. Afterwards, M&A is to be related to diversification as a means of risk minimization. Finally, by the example of ThyssenKrupp, the theoretical assumptions of the first two parts are to be applied.

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This book examines recent trends towards mergers and acquisitions in Japan, Greater China and Southeast Asia from 1990 to 2004. Comparisons are made among regions and between countries of particular regions. The economic profiles and investment climates of key countries are discussed and many issues are examined from the perspectives of US-based and UK-based investors because they play significant roles in Mergers and Acquisitions activities in all regions of the world. The practices and management strategies in Asia are also compared with those observed in the United States and the United Kingdom

where appropriate.

Seminar paper from the year 2004 in the subject Business economics - General, grade: 1,0, Heilbronn University, course: Spezielle BWL - M&A, 39 entries in the bibliography, language: English, abstract: Many companies pursue a growth strategy by executing acquisitions. But in recent years they have seen too many publications showing that M&A failure ratios exceed success ratios. In this paper it is examined which methods can be applied for measuring the M&A success and reasons, why these studies concluded in negative results, are given. For measuring the success of M&As, the definition of objectives, the company wants to achieve by acquiring, is essential. In general, the overall goal is to create shareholder value though each acquiring company has its own specific secondary goals. Within this paper these secondary goals are divided into the financial dimension (e.g. synergies), HR dimension (e.g. gaining key personnel) and market strategic dimension (e.g. gaining market share). Before measuring the M&A success, some general problems which affect all evaluation methods have to be considered. The first problem refers to the period of measurement. It is difficult to find the adequate period as it considerably differs amongst the various evaluation methods. The second problem refers to the comparison of measurement results. For a realistic view, the results should not only be observed before and after the transaction but as-if figures of the single entities, in case of not having merged, should be considered. The first method to measure M&A success is the objective evaluation model which can be subdivided into the annual accounts oriented method, the capital market oriented method and the event oriented method. The annual accounts method considers various ratios out of the external accounting system (e.g. RoE). It is rather a past-oriented method. The second method to measure M&A success is the subjective evaluation method which includes questionings of people involved in the M&A process (managers, employees, internal and external experts). This method is especially important for measuring the success of the integration process and, although not useful as an isolated assessment, it makes a valuable contribution to the evaluation of the M&A success. The various methods can lead to different results, therefore general statements about success or failure of M&A deals can only be made under reserve. Important aspects (e.g. distortion of study results due to large loss deals) were not considered. According to recent (more sophisticated) studies, M&As are able to generate value and growth under the right circumstances.

A short pragmatic book about commercial due diligence, i.e. marketing in deal preparation. --- "A MUST READ FOR ALL EXPERTS INVOLVED IN PRIVATE EQUITY AND M&As"(\*) --- The book unveils a unique tool: MOSAICS to easily structure market data and articulate analytical tools. It provides a relevant synthesis of marketing fundamentals. The latter and the MOSAICS tool make this work of interest for M&A experts and beyond, for any Marketer. The book features a meaningful analysis of the practice while showing how commercial due

diligence can enhance M&A pay-off. --- "A WAKE-UP CALL FOR THE BUSINESS WORLD"(\*) --- One may challenge the interest for real life of an academic research. Well, the answer comes from the business world itself: the original manuscript was awarded the yearly Prize by ARFA (the French Association of M&A professionals) and received support from seasoned practitioners (\*). --- (\*) Refer to the quotes on the fourth cover and the foreword. --- TARGETED AUDIENCE: Financial executives, corporate strategy executives, management consulting and education (business schools' professors & students) --- KEY WORDS: M&A, mergers and acquisitions, pay-off, ROI, investment, value creation, deal value, deal preparation, dataroom, data room, commercial due diligence, commercial analysis, strategy, analytical tools, matrix, Ansoff matrix, BCG matrix, GE matrix, KSF, key success factor, Ohmae 3C, Porter five forces, 8Ps Krippendorf, SWOT, strategic marketing, market analysis, market intelligence, knowledge management, risk analysis, methodology, mosaics model, management consulting, strategy consulting, private equity, PE, investor, venture capitalist, corporate venture, corporate fund, investment bank. --- SOME AUTHORS IN BIBLIOGRAPHY: R.Bruner, A.Chernev, P.Howson, R.S.Kaplan, K.L.Keller, P.Kotler, M.McDonald, P.Millier, A.Reed Lajoux. --- EBOOK OR PAPERBACK: The e-book features all figures and graphs in color whereas they appear in grey levels in the paper version.

When should you acquire a target or enter a new business? How do you go about structuring and valuing leveraged buyout transactions? What do you do if the application of the weighted average cost of capital approach is not correct? Answers to these commonly encountered valuation problems and more are given right here in this complete valuation toolkit for mergers, buyouts, and restructuring. Enrique Arzac, an internationally recognized authority on the subject, provides an up-to-date, comprehensive synthesis of current valuation theory and practice, including free cash flow valuation, financing and valuation of leveraged buyouts, real option analysis for entry and exit decisions, contract design to resolve disagreements about value, and the valuation of special offer structures.

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