

## Five Winds Asset Management

This book examines the evolution and major elements of China's Belt-and-Road Initiative (BRI), a trillion-dollar project for the revival and refinement of ancient terrestrial and maritime trade routes. The author analyses the foreign policy and economic strategy behind the initiative as well as the geoeconomic and geopolitical impact on the region. Furthermore, he assesses whether the BRI has to be considered as a challenge to the US-led order, leading to a Sinocentric order in the 21st century. Offering two case studies on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road (MSR), the book reveals the drivers motivating China and its partners in executing BRI projects, such as security of commodity-shipments, energy supplies, and explores trade volumes as well as the anxiety these trigger among critics. The book juxtaposes these to non-Chinese, specifically multilateral institutional and Western corporate, inputs into Beijing's developmental planning-processes. It also identifies the role of combined Chinese-foreign stimuli in generating the policy priorities precipitating the BRI vision, and the geoeconomic essence of BRI's implementation.

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**PRIVATIZING CHINA INSIDE CHINA'S STOCK MARKETS** In more depth than any other, this highly readable book lays bare why China's capital markets have fallen so far short of their promise. It is required reading for anyone seeking to understand the realities and the future of an extraordinary economic transformation. - James Kyngge, Former Beijing Bureau Chief, Financial Times, Author, *China Shakes the World* Carl Walter and Fraser Howie bring together a wealth of experience to this complex and deeply important topic. Their book contains a mine of invaluable quantitative and qualitative information as well as an incredible depth of knowledge. It is essential reading for anyone investing in

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companies from mainland China. - Professor Peter Nolan, Judge Institute of Management Studies, University of Cambridge Privatizing China is essential for anyone who wants to understand China's companies and stock markets. no one should invest in China without reading it. - Arthur Kroeber, Managing Editor, China Economic Quarterly Carl Walter and Fraser Howie combine a deep knowledge of China and finance to provide an unflinching perspective on the country's effort to build functioning capital markets. China may have wowed the world with its high-speed economic growth and manufacturing prowess, but this book is compelling evidence that Beijing's mastery of the universe does not yet extend to the stock market. - Richard MacGregor, Beijing Correspondent, FinancialTimes This book will answer many people's questions regarding SOEs and the stock market. I think it is destined to become the standard reference work on the subject. - Jean C. Oi, Director, Center for East Asian Studies, Stanford University

“Maintenance Management of Wind Turbines” considers the main concepts and the state-of-the-art, as well as advances and case studies on this topic. Maintenance is a critical variable in industry in order to reach competitiveness. It is the most important variable, together with operations, in the wind energy industry. Therefore, the correct management of corrective, predictive and preventive politics in any wind turbine is required. The content also considers original research works that focus on content that is complementary to other sub-disciplines, such as economics, finance, marketing, decision and risk analysis, engineering, etc., in the maintenance management of wind turbines. This book focuses on real case studies. These case studies concern topics such as failure detection and diagnosis, fault trees and subdisciplines (e.g., FMECA, FMEA, etc.) Most of them link these topics with financial, schedule, resources, downtimes, etc., in order to increase productivity, profitability, maintainability, reliability, safety, availability, and reduce costs and downtime, etc., in a wind turbine. Advances in mathematics, models, computational techniques, dynamic analysis, etc., are employed in analytics in maintenance management in this book. Finally, the book considers computational techniques, dynamic analysis, probabilistic methods, and mathematical optimization techniques that are expertly blended to support the analysis of multi-criteria decision-making problems with defined constraints and requirements.

The dismal truth about hedge funds and how investors can get a greater share of the profits Shocking but true: if all the money that's ever been invested in hedge funds had been in treasury bills, the results would have been twice as good. Although hedge fund managers have earned some great fortunes, investors as a group have done quite poorly, particularly in recent years. Plagued by high fees, complex legal structures, poor disclosure, and return chasing, investors confront surprisingly meager results. Drawing on an insider's view of industry growth during the 1990s, a time when hedge fund investors did well in part because there were relatively few of them, The Hedge Fund Mirage chronicles the early days of hedge fund investing before institutions got into the game and goes on to describe the seeding business, a specialized area in which investors provide venture capital-type funding to promising but undiscovered hedge funds. Today's investors need to do better, and this book highlights the many subtle and not-so-subtle ways that the returns and risks are biased in favor of the hedge fund manager, and how investors and allocators can redress the imbalance. The surprising frequency of fraud, highlighted with several examples that the author was able to avoid through solid due diligence, industry contacts, and some luck Why new and emerging hedge fund managers are where generally better returns are to be found, because most capital invested is steered towards apparently safer but less profitable large, established funds rather than smaller managers that evoke the more profitable 1990s Hedge fund investors have had it hard in recent years, but The Hedge Fund Mirage is here to change that, by turning the tables on conventional wisdom and putting the hedge fund investor back on top.

Many investors are intrigued by the profit potential of today's hedge funds, but most feel like they're on the outside looking in, due to the high investment requirements and complexity of these vehicles. *Create Your Own ETF Hedge Fund* allows you to break down these barriers and effectively operate within this environment. By focusing on the essential approaches of global macro long/short and aggressive growth, this book will help you create a fund that can take advantage of both bullish and bearish conditions across the globe.

This new text provides students the knowledge and skills they will need to compete for and succeed in the information security roles they will encounter straight out of college. This is accomplished by providing a hands-on immersion in essential system administration, service and application installation and configuration, security tool use, TIG implementation and reporting. It is designed for an introductory course on IS Security offered usually as an elective in IS departments in 2 and 4 year schools. It is not designed for security certification courses.

Published for devotees of the cowboy and the West, *American Cowboy* covers all aspects of the Western lifestyle, delivering the best in entertainment, personalities, travel, rodeo action, human interest, art, poetry, fashion, food, horsemanship, history, and every other facet of Western culture. With stunning photography and you-are-there reportage, *American Cowboy* immerses readers in the cowboy life and the magic that is the great American West.

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*BLACK ENTERPRISE* is the ultimate source for wealth creation for African American professionals, entrepreneurs and corporate executives. Every month, *BLACK ENTERPRISE* delivers timely, useful information on careers, small business and personal finance.

This book is a product of the TEEB study (The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity). It provides important evidence of growing corporate concern about biodiversity loss and offers examples of how leading companies are taking action to conserve biodiversity and to restore ecosystems. This book reviews indicators and drivers of biodiversity loss and ecosystem decline, and shows how these present both risks and opportunities to all businesses. It examines the changing preferences of consumers for nature-friendly products and services, and offers examples of how companies are responding. The book also describes recent initiatives to enable businesses to measure, value and report their impacts and dependencies on biodiversity and ecosystem services. The authors review a range of practical tools to manage biodiversity risks in business, with examples of how companies are using these tools to reduce costs, protect their brands and deliver real business value. The book also explores the emergence of new business models that deliver biodiversity benefits and ecosystem services on a commercial basis, the policy enabling frameworks needed to stimulate investment



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This compact, easy-to-read book aims at presenting the basic principles, practices, and advancements made in human resource management. It shows the enduring values of those principles, as well as the significance of the models, techniques and tools evolved - which may rightly be called classics as these have been propounded by HRM proponents, time tested, and proved permanent. The book covers three major subjects of management - Human Resource Management (HRM)/Human Resource Development (HRD), Organizational Behaviour (OB), and Organizational Development (OD) - under 18 different themes. What distinguishes the text is that it uses 300 models, techniques, and tools that are well established, practised, and proven in the field of HRM. The practical implications of these techniques are also discussed, enabling the reader to comprehend the concepts with ease. The book, which is a unique blend of theory and practice, would be useful to postgraduate students of management, all those specializing in human resource management, and the professionals.

The most trustworthy source of information available today on savings and investments, taxes, money management, home ownership and many other personal finance topics.

Recent years have shown an increase in development and acceptance of quantitative methods for asset and liability management strategies. This book presents state of the art quantitative decision models for three sectors: pension funds, insurance companies and banks, taking into account new regulations and the industries risks.

Cities across the globe are looking to develop affordable, environmentally friendly, and socially responsible transportation solutions that can meet the accessibility needs of expanding metropolitan populations and support future economic and urban development. When appropriately planned and properly implemented as part of a larger public transportation network, urban rail systems can provide rapid mobility and vital access to city centers from surrounding districts. High-performing urban rail services, when carefully approached as development projects, can help enhance quality of life by giving citizens access to employment opportunities, essential services, urban amenities, and neighboring communities. The purpose of this Handbook is to synthesize and disseminate knowledge to inform the planning, implementation, and operations of urban rail projects with a view towards: -- Emphasizing the need for early studies and project planning; -- Making projects more sustainable (economically, socially, and environmentally); -- Improving socioeconomic returns and access to opportunities for users; -- Maximizing the value of private participation, where appropriate; and -- Building capacity within project implementing and managing institutions This Handbook provides experiential advice to tackle the technical, institutional, and financial challenges faced by decision makers considering urban rail projects. It brings together the expertise of World Bank staff and the input of numerous specialists to synthesize international 'good practices' and recommendations that are independent of commercial, financial political, or other interests. The material presented is intended as an honest-broker guide to maximize the impact and manage the challenges of urban rail systems in cities in both developed and developing countries. Rather than identify a single approach, this Handbook acknowledges the complexities and context necessary when approaching an urban rail development by helping to prepare decision makers to ask the right

questions, consider the key issues, perform the necessary studies, apply adequate tools, and learn from international good practice all at the right time in the project development process.

The Government has pledged to reduce over 10,000 pages of regulatory guidance, following its 'Red Tape Challenge', to help businesses comply with environmental laws. But the MPs point out that regulations have an important role in safeguarding our health and the environment. The Government's strategy to create a green economy - 'Enabling the Transition to a Green Economy' - is too focused on voluntary action and fails to set a clear trajectory or any time-bound milestones for businesses to achieve. There is concern that introducing mandatory emissions reporting for big business has been delayed and Ministers are urged not to go back on their promise to do so. The recent financial crisis has demonstrated the clear risks from such a market-led approach, particularly when markets do not reflect the value of the services provided by nature - such as clean fresh water, pollination of crops, etc. This report urges the Government to: develop minimum sustainability standards; set out how data on natural capital in the National Accounts will be used; develop targets for improving the state of the environment and establish transparent reporting against such targets; and use the Natural Capital Committee's work on a 'natural asset stock check' as one of the basket of indicators used to measure the green economy. The Government should fully incorporate the principles of 'Enabling the Transition' into future revisions of the 'Plan for Growth'. Expenditure involved in making the transition to a green economy should be seen as an investment, not simply a cost.

RYA Tactics is the go-to handbook for all sailors and coaches interested in improving their performance on the race course. Written by sailing tactics specialist Mark Rushall, it is based on his many years of successful dinghy and keelboat racing, and his career as an Olympic sailing coach. Packed with easy-to-digest advice and information, it has clear diagrams and explanations and features excellent photography throughout to demonstrate racing in action. RYA Tactics breaks down the myths around racing tactics and provides you with winning strategies for a wide range of race courses and weather conditions. Written from the perspective of both coach and sailor, RYA Tactics takes you logically and holistically through each aspect of a sailing race. Shedding a new light on mastering race tactics, it has three easy-to-follow sections: Setting the scene Before the start The race The third edition features new chapters that include cutting-edge advice on analysing weather conditions, club racing, positioning as a strategy, and tactics in fast boats. It also discusses strategy building and looks at all parts of the race in detail, recommending specific tactics for each stage. Whether you're looking to understand wind shifts better, start fast, use a race compass, or get round the marks first, this book will get you there.

For more than 40 years, Computerworld has been the leading source of technology news and information for IT influencers worldwide. Computerworld's award-winning Web site (Computerworld.com), twice-monthly publication, focused conference series and custom research form the hub of the world's largest global IT media network.

This book fills an important gap in housing research, covering the impact of recent changes in housing policies and markets on the development of state-of-the-art asset management within the social rented sector in various countries.

The groundbreaking survey of the state of our planet that was first published in 1984 has been brought up-to-date to provide a further generation of readers with information to face the environmental challenges of the new millennium.

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