

Management Control Systems Merchant 3rd Edition

Thomas S. Konrad analyzes the management control design and reveals critical success factors of strategically oriented public-private partnerships for development between international governmental actors and the private sector. He builds a sound basis for the identification of a research gap and the derivation of research questions. The results generate sufficient evidence to answer these questions and therefore to close the identified research gap. Finally, he excelled in the discussion of the results by making a contribution of theory and by providing substantive recommendations to practitioners equally well.

?Social Innovation is becoming an increasingly important topic in our global society. Those organizations which are able to develop business solutions to the most urgent social and ecological challenges will be the leading companies of tomorrow. Social Innovation not only creates value for society but will be a key driver for business success. Although the concept of Social Innovation is discussed globally the meaning and its impact on the development of new business strategies is still heavily on debate. This publication has the goal to give a comprehensive overview of different concepts in the very innovative field of Social Innovation, from a managerial as well as from a theoretical and social perspective. Over 30 leading thinkers in the field of Innovation, Strategic Management and Organizational Development give a well structured inside on the latest developments and progress in the field of Social Innovation. Thereby the authors not only develop a comprehensive and unique analysis on the state-of-the art of social innovation but also give practical advice and information to business leaders on how to apply the latest management thinking on Social Innovation to daily business decisions. This publication has the intention to become a milestone in the further development of the concept of Social Innovation as well as to further stimulate new business strategies necessary to overcome world most pressing social and ecological challenges.

"This 10-volume compilation of authoritative, research-based articles contributed by thousands of researchers and experts from all over the world emphasized modern issues and the presentation of potential opportunities, prospective solutions, and future directions in the field of information science and technology"--Provided by publisher.

As the world's third-ranking economic power, Japan's style of management, such as the lifetime employment system, the seniority system, and an enterprise union, has been well studied. However, little else is known about the Japanese management control systems (MCSs) and management accounting systems, which are significantly different from other economic powers. This book sheds light on Japanese MCSs and the differences with those of the United States, illustrated with examples from Mitsubishi Electric, Kao, and more. This book aids not only researchers in management accounting, but also provides more useful insight for international investors and management accountants that can prove useful in business management.

AIMA publishes well-developed articles on a variety of current topics in management accounting that are relevant to researchers in both practice and academe. As one of the premier management accounting research series, AIMA is well poised to meet the needs of management accounting scholars. Researchers in both practice and academe, as well as libraries, would be interested in the articles featured in the AIMA.'?

This book provides an exhaustive view of China's Management Control Systems (MCS), examining the development of theory and practice and presenting a framework that integrates China's unique enterprise regulations, corporate culture and managerial mindset into management control systems. The work offers detail about the effects of China's economic reforms on management control in Chinese enterprises and insightful comparisons with Western theory and Western examples. Readers will discover important themes and the evolution of theory in MCS, including discussions of frameworks and the links between management control and economics, management, accounting, cybernetics and system theory. Early chapters explore management control in Chinese enterprises during the period, especially the demands of (guidance, enforcement and external regulation) and the demand for (stakeholders, managers, investors) management control. The work moves on to explore Western management control theory and research, including an examination of the evolution of internal control theory. The author presents detailed perspectives on the elements of management control systems and introduces masterful new ideas and methods through four general control models and ten critical elements in the management control process. A view of management control in various different types of enterprise is presented, from special enterprises and small to medium enterprises to non-profit organizations. The standards for enterprise management control are explored. This work is a valuable practical guide for corporate management teams who wish to develop and execute their own internal control strategies. It will also provide foreign researchers, policy-makers and practitioners with a new perspective on Chinese management control experiences.

As the global economy continues to develop and new entrepreneurs take advantage of emerging markets, the small business sector plays a greater role of economic development in the international arena. The Handbook of Research on Strategic Management in Small and Medium Enterprises contributes new research to the current array of literature on small business management under diverse geographic, economic, and socio-cultural conditions. By exploring existing theories in tandem with fresh viewpoints, this book will serve as a valuable reference to students, lecturers, researchers, entrepreneurs, and policy makers investigating the use of strategic management in various scenarios and situations.

Advances in Management Accounting (AIMA) publishes well-developed articles on a variety of current topics in management accounting that are relevant to researchers in both practice and academe. As one of the premier management accounting research journals, AIMA is well poised to meet the needs of management accounting scholars.

This is the second edition of an introduction to all the financial and management accounting concepts and techniques required by the general business student.

The design of Management Control Systems (MCS) in the context of financial institutions should be reconsidered with regards to their ability to improve organizational justice perceptions. Promoting organizational justice can help banks to build significantly more trust and influence employees' behaviors in the best interest of the organization. Especially the design of Beyond Budgeting as a MCS that emphasizes social control mechanisms and facilitates autonomous working appears to be a promising concept for the design of future MCS in the context of financial institutions.

Organizations are constantly creating original initiatives, product lines, or implementing new workflows to remain competitive in the contemporary business world. Employing optimum methods for efficient performance and timely completion of tasks is vital to the success of a business. Management Control Systems in Complex Settings: Emerging Research and Opportunities is a noteworthy reference work for the latest academic research on business management and the complexity involved in decision-making, direction, measurement, and the evaluation of a company. Containing broad commentary on an assortment of relevant views and issues, such as customer loyalty and reputation, effective manufacturing processes, and strategic issues in complex firms, this book is optimally intended for business professionals, managers, and aspiring entrepreneurs as well as students and academics looking for groundbreaking analysis on the Three Vs model of inventory management and value creation.

With its unique range of case studies, real life examples and comprehensive coverage of the latest management control-related tools and techniques, Management Control Systems is the ideal guide to this complex and multidimensional subject for upper level undergraduates, postgraduates and practising professionals.

Enlighten your students and improve your understanding of management accounting with this carefully curated collection of case studies Management Accounting Case Book: Cases from the IMA Educational Case Journal offers a detailed account of real-world business cases accessible to a variety of business-savvy audiences. It provides comprehensive coverage of several areas relevant to students and professionals in business and finance, including: · Strategic cost management (including product and service costing, cost allocation, and strategy implementation) · Planning and decision making (including cost estimation, CVP analysis, budgeting, decision making, capital investments, target costing, and TOC) · Operations, process management, and innovation (including flexible budgeting, standard costs, variance analysis, non-financial performance indicators, quality control, lean, and innovation governance) Used by dozens of different universities, the Management Accounting Case Book contains cases reviewed and rigorously vetted by the Institute of Management Accountants. The book is perfect for anyone hoping to increase their understanding of management theory or facilitate lively discussion about the topics contained within.

Business practices are rapidly changing due to technological advances in the workplace. Organizations are challenged to implement new programs for more efficient business while maintaining their standards of excellence and achievement. Human Performance Technology: Concepts, Methodologies, Tools, and Applications is a vital reference source for the latest research findings on real-world applications of digital tools for human performance enhancement across a variety of settings. This publication also examines the utilization of problem-based instructional techniques for challenges and solutions encountered by industry professionals. Highlighting a range of topics such as performance support systems, workplace curricula, and instructional technology, this multi-volume book is ideally designed for business executives and managers, business professionals, human resources managers, academicians, and researchers actively involved in the business industry.

Organization scholars have long acknowledged that control processes are integral to the way in which organizations function. While control theory research spans many decades and draws on several rich traditions, theoretical limitations have kept it from generating consistent and interpretable empirical findings and from reaching consensus concerning the nature of key relationships. This book reveals how we can overcome such problems by synthesising diverse, yet complementary, streams of control research into a theoretical framework and empirical tests that more fully describe how types of control mechanisms (e.g., the use of rules, norms, direct supervision or monitoring) aimed at particular control targets (e.g., input, behavior, output) are applied within particular types of control systems (i.e., market, clan, bureaucracy, integrative). Written by a team of distinguished scholars, this book not only sheds light on the long-neglected phenomenon of organizational control, it also provides important directions for future research.

This book is devoted to the dynamic development of retailing. The focus is on various strategy concepts adopted by retailing companies and their implementation in practice. This is not a traditional textbook or collection of case studies; it aims to demonstrate the complex and manifold questions of retail management in the form of twenty lessons, where each lesson provides a thematic overview of key issues and illustrates them via a comprehensive case study. The examples are all internationally known retail companies, to facilitate an understanding of what is involved in strategic retail management and illustrate best practices. In the third edition, all chapters were revised and updated. Two new chapters were added to treat topics like corporate social responsibility as well as marketing communication. All case studies were replaced by new ones to reflect the most recent developments. Well-known retail companies from different countries, like Tesco, Zalando, Hugo Boss, Carrefour, Amazon, Otto Group, are now used to illustrate particular aspects of retail management.

The second in a series of three volumes presenting a selection of the best studies prepared for the Romanow Commission, this volume focuses on the problem of change in health care and health systems. Combining the talents of experienced health policy experts with innovative researchers, the resulting studies provide unique perspectives on the difficult issues under scrutiny, including complexity in health systems, management of human resources, organizational control and regulation, and public engagement. Commissioned and prepared with applicability as the foremost criteria, all of the studies presented in this volume offer solutions in managing obstacles to change. Each study also includes an appraisal of the most recent literature in the field.

This volume contains exemplary papers that were presented at the 2017 Conference on Performance Measurement and Management Control in Nice, France, by researchers in the field from North America, South America, Africa, Europe, and Asia.

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The recent audit failures which have rocked financial markets worldwide have accentuated the need for a better understanding of the link between risk, control and audit quality; as well as emphasising the need to open the "black box" of the ways auditing firms actually function. Reflecting these imperatives, Auditing Teams unravels the organizational and management issues in audit firms that are key to achieving effectiveness in service provision. Specifically, this key research reflects upon the relevance and dynamics of auditing teams and their impact on auditing quality, and specifically responding to the recent claim from regulators which highlights auditing team characteristics as the source of wide variations in quality. By leveraging different perspectives – auditing, management accounting, organization and psychology – to investigate auditing teams and basing on evidence collected from the professional world, this book will provide a unique insight into the role of auditing teams on audit quality. It will be of great interest to scholars and advanced students in auditing, as well as to practitioners and regulators in the field.

This book is the first among many books in supply chain management, which provides the readers with insights on how to select the best global supply chain out of inter-firm network, fables system or market firms. This process is clearly expounded in the book through case studies, which include Apple, Toyota, BMW, IKEA and Taiwan TSMC. The main editor, Prof Yasuhiro Monden, is the founding father of Lean Production Management who published Toyota Production System from IIE in 1983, which is called the classic of Lean System. This book will explain how the global supply chain (GSC) could be organized by considering causal relationships of the stage differences in (1) market needs, (2) product design architecture, and (3) product life-cycle, for the purpose of reducing the total costs of GSC. Contents: Lean Management of Global Supply Chain Management: Lean Management of Global Supply Chain: Dynamic Combination Model of Market, Product Life-Cycle, Product Design, and Supply Chain (Yasuhiro Monden) How to Facilitate Inter-Firm Cooperation in a Fabless Global Supply Chain (Yoshiteru Minagawa) Ikea's Almost Fabless Global Supply Chain — A Rightsourcing Strategy for Profit, Planet, and People (Rolf G Larsson) Effects of Transfer Pricing Taxation on the Performance Control of Japanese Foreign Subsidiaries (Makoto Tomo and Anson Yoshiharu Matsuoka) Innovation of Eco-Cars Based on the Global Inter-Firm Collaboration (Yasuhiro Monden) Communization Strategy and Performance Management in the Japanese Automobile Industry (Noriyuki Imai) Lean Management and Performance Evaluation in the Business Operations: Financial Performance Measures for the Lean Production System (Zhi Wang and Yasuhiro Monden) Management Control Systems for Lean Management in Medical Services — A Case Study at Lund and Kameda (Rolf G Larsson, Yoshinobu Shima, and Chiyuki Kurisu) Management Control for Horizontal Network Organizations of SMEs — In the View Point of Profit Allocation Mechanism of Joint Manufacturing on Order (Yoko Ogushi) Measuring the Performance of Lean Implementation at a Commercial Printing Company — An Action Research Approach (Khodayar Sadeghi and Mohammad Aghdasi) Related Topics in Managerial & Cost Accounting: Mechanisms for Lowering Budgetary Slack in Japanese Companies (Ken Lee, Naoki Fukuda, and Satoko Matsugi) Influence of Decision-Making Goal and Accurate Product-Costing Goal on the Design of Sophisticated Costing Systems: Proposal of Multi-Goal Coordination Approach (Nikhil Chandra Shil, Mahfuzul Hoque, and Mahmuda Akter) Readership: For the general public, researchers and students who are interested in understanding the global supply chain. Key Features: Principal editor is Prof Yasuhiro Monden, who was one of the fathers of Lean Production Management Dr Monden published Toyota Production System: the 1st edition from American Institute of Industrial Engineers, 1983, which is called the classic of lean production system Keywords: Supply Chain; Global Supply Chain; Value Chain; Global Value Chain; Lean Management Producers and users of management accounting information are confronted with crucial behavioral phenomena--factors that can affect the communication of this information and its use. Riahi-Belkaoui shows how producers and users together can improve the efficiency of management accounting itself. He explains the judgment process in management accounting, identifies and explains the major behavioral phenomena, and then provides ways to use them for the firm's benefit.

Winner of the Management Accounting section of the American Accounting Association notable contribution to Management Accounting Literature Award Volume One of the Handbook of Management Accounting Research series sets the context for the Handbooks, with three chapters outlining the historical development of management accounting as a discipline and as a practice in three broad geographic settings. Volume Two provides insights into research on different management accounting practices. Volume Three features contributions from some of the most influential researchers in various areas of management accounting research, consolidates the content of volumes one and two, and concludes with examples of management accounting research from around the world. Volumes 1, 2 and 3 are also available as individual product. * ISBN Volume 1: 978-0-08-044564-9 * ISBN Volume 2: 978-0-08-044754-4 * ISBN Volume 3: 978-0-08-055450-1 * Three volumes of the popular Handbooks of Management Accounting Research series now available in one complete set * Examines particular management accounting practices and specific organizational contexts * Adopts a global perspective of management accounting practices Award: "Winner of the Management Accounting section of the American Accounting Association notable contribution to Management Accounting Literature Award."

This study contributes to an existing and growing body of literature in the field of management accounting and control concerned with implications from increased uncertainty on MCS design and use. It is found that the choice of MCS reflects the firm's risk profile, and that firms that choose MCS design and use better suited to their risk profile perform better than others. Using data from a survey of 362 Chief Executive Officers, this study yields a model of fit that enables the stimulation of selective improvements and helps to achieve a competitive advantage.

This book reviews and presents antitrust law compliance programmes from different angles. These programmes have been increasingly implemented and refined by firms over recent years, and various aspects of this topic have been researched. The contributions in this book extend beyond the treatment of legal issues and show how lawyers, economists, psychologists, and business scholars can help design antitrust law compliance programmes more effectively and run them more efficiently.

This book examines the relationship between digital innovations on the one hand, and accounting and management information systems on the other. In particular it addresses topics including cloud computing, data mining, XBRL, and digital platforms. It presents an analysis of how new technologies can reshape accounting and management information systems, enhancing their information potentialities and their ability to support decision-making processes, as well as several studies that reveal how managerial information needs can affect and reshape the adoption of digital technologies. Focusing on the four major aspects data management, information system architecture, external and internal reporting, the book offers a valuable resource for CIOs, CFOs and more generally for business managers, as well as for researchers and scholars. It is mainly based on a selection of the best papers - original double blind reviewed contributions - presented at the 2015 Annual Conference of the Italian Chapter of the Association for Information Systems (AIS).

These proceedings represent the work of presenters at the 3rd European Conference on Intellectual Capital (ECIC 2011). The Conference is hosted this year by the University of Nicosia in Cyprus. The Conference Chair is Geoff Turner from the University of Nicosia and the Programme Chair is Clemente Minonne from the School of Management and Law, Zurich University of Applied Sciences, Winterthur, Switzerland. The opening keynote address is given by John Girard from Minot State University in the USA. John will address the question Social Knowledge: Are we ready for the future? The second day of the conference will be opened by Ludo Pyis from AREOPA in Belgium who will consider Intellectual Capital Accounting: how to measure the unmeasurable. We also look forward to a Knowledge Cafe on the topic of What intellectual capital ideas and developments do you expect to live and see? facilitated by Helen Paige from The Paige Group, South Australia.

This volume is part of the ongoing collaboration between the RMC series and the Socio-Economic Institute for Firms and Organizations (ISEOR), a French intervention-research think tank co-directed by Henri Savall and Véronique Zardet. Building on an earlier collaboration on the ISEOR approach – Socio-Economic Intervention in Organizations: The Intervener-Researcher and the SEAM Approach to Organizational Analysis (IAP, 2007) – Buono and Savall bring together over 30 talented intervener-researchers to explore and examine the ongoing evolution of the Socio-Economic Approach to Management (SEAM). This volume revisits the application of SEAM in the context of intervention challenges in the wake of the recent economic crisis and the disruptive change that has taken hold across the world. The basic foundation of SEAM – built on the idea of strategic patience, the need to undertake holistic intervention in organizations, and the challenge to get organizational members to listen to themselves (through what they refer to as the mirror effect) – has remained the same. In response to economic and organizational pressures in the current environment, however, there has been a concomitant emphasis on helping client organizations achieve short-term results while still maintaining focus on the long term. Many ideas that have become part of the current discourse within ISEOR today were not as explicitly addressed in the initial volume – from the destructive effect of the Taylorism-Fayolism-Weberism (TFW) virus, to the need to focus on ways to ensure the sustainability of a SEAM intervention, the growing importance of collaborative interactions between external and internal consultants, and the growing importance of cocreating knowledge with client firms and organizations.

This volume is a publication of quality applied research in management accounting. The volume's purpose is to publish thought-provoking articles that advance knowledge in the management accounting discipline and are of interest to both academics and practitioners. The book seeks thoughtful, well-developed articles on a variety of current topics in management accounting, broadly defined. All research methods including survey research, field tests, corporate case studies, experiments, meta-analyses, and modeling are welcome. Some speculative articles, research notes, critiques, and survey pieces will be included where appropriate. Articles may range from purely empirical to purely theoretical, from practice-based applications to speculation on the development of new techniques and frameworks. Empirical articles must present sound research designs and well-explained execution. Theoretical arguments must present reasonable assumptions and logical development of ideas. All articles should include well-defined problems, concise presentations, and succinct conclusions that follow logically from the data. This volume intends to provide authors with timely reviews clearly indicating the acceptance status of the manuscript. The results of initial reviews normally will be reported to authors within eight weeks from the date the manuscript is received. The author will be expected to work with the Editor, who will act as a liaison between the author and the reviewers to resolve areas of concern. To ensure publication, it is the author's responsibility to make necessary revisions in a timely and satisfactory manner.

A compact overview of the most relevant concepts and developments in International Management. The various strategy concepts of internationally active companies and their implementation in practice are the core of this book. The authors describe the particularities of international value chain activities and management functions and offer a thorough understanding of how Production & Sourcing, Research & Development, Marketing, Human Resource Management and Controlling have to be designed in an international company and what models are available to understand those activities in an international context. In 23 lessons, a comprehensive overview of all key issues is given. Each lesson is accompanied by a case study from an international company to facilitate the understanding of all important factors involved in strategic international management. In this third edition, all chapters have been updated, all case studies revised, new chapters and recent data were integrated.

Management accounting has been the basic toolbox in business administration for decades. Today it is an integral part of all curricula in business education and no student can afford not to be familiar with its basic concepts and instruments. At the same time, business in general, and management accounting in particular, is becoming more and more international. English clearly has evolved as the "lingua franca" of international business. Academics, students as well as practitioners exchange their views and ideas, discuss concepts and communicate with each other in English. This is certainly also true for management accounting and control. Management Accounting is becoming more and more international. *Management Accounting and Control* is a new textbook in English covering concepts and instruments of management accounting at an introductory level (primarily at the Bachelor level, but also suited for general management and MBA courses due to a strong focus on practical relevance). This textbook covers all topics that are relevant in management accounting in business organizations that are typically covered in German and Central European Bachelor courses on management accounting and control. After a general introduction to the field of management accounting and control the book discusses cost management as an extension of cost accounting. Typical cost management instruments such as target costing, life cycle costing and process-based costing approaches are explained in detail. Differences between Anglo-American activity-based costing (ABC) and German process-based costing are highlighted. The book then turns to an extensive discussion of planning and budgeting tasks in management accounting with a strong focus on the practical application of the topic such as developing a budget in practice. Another chapter is dedicated to a comparison of traditional budgeting with modern /alternative budgeting approaches. A major part of the book is dedicated to the broad area of performance management. The relevance of financial statement information for performance management purposes is discussed in detail. In addition, the most widely spread financial performance indicators are illustrated using real-world examples. The book also includes detailed content on value-based management control concepts. In a consecutive chapter, performance measurement is linked with strategy while extensively discussing the Balanced Scorecard as a key tool in strategic performance management. The remaining parts of the book deal with management reporting as one of the main operative tasks in management accounting practice. The book closes with insight into new fields and developments that currently influence management accounting practices and research and promise to play an increasingly important role in the future.

Strategic Marketing Management (8th Edition) outlines the essentials of marketing theory and offers a structured approach to identifying, understanding, and solving marketing problems. This book delineates a comprehensive framework for articulating sound marketing strategies to guide business decisions involving product and service design, branding, pricing, sales promotion, communication, and distribution. The concepts, principles, and frameworks advanced in this book apply to a wide range of organizations, from startups to established market leaders, from packaged-goods manufacturers to value-added service providers, from nonprofit entities to for-profit corporations.

A fundamental challenge that management faces in the twenty-first century is how to exercise adequate control, i. e. how to guide and direct the behaviour of their subordinates. With

increasing globalisation firms witness a cross-cultural impact too. Of particular interest is the question of whether to use the standardized form of control similar to the home base of firms or whether to adapt their control practices to the local specificities. Given the meagre state of the literature in management control with a cross-cultural emphasis, this study addresses a real world problem, namely the question whether management control practices are configured similarly or differently across cultures. Relying on a generalized industry sample across four countries (Belgium, Canada, Germany and Poland), this study sought to shed light on one of the more intriguing questions – “does culture matter” – for specific control areas, in particular for performance measurement, performance evaluation and reward systems. The theoretical foundations are grounded in the cultural framework of the GLOBE project accompanied by thoughts of new institutionalism, stakeholder theory and contingency thoughts. Hypotheses are tested by mean comparisons (ANOVA, ANCOVA). The empirical findings highlight cultural differences for a broader set of control practices and deliver new insights into the intersection of culture and management control. This dissertation crafts a novel topic with high relevance for both researchers and practitioners. The study demonstrates areas for which management control practices should be adapted to the local needs and areas for which those practices could be harmonized in the whole company. This monograph stresses some areas in which future empirical cross-cultural research can benefit, and some areas where conceptual thoughts could be advanced.

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How should firms' control systems be designed and used to formulate and implement strategies that will contribute to competitive advantage and sustained high performance? This book offers some thought-provoking suggestions. It contains empirical studies of such diverse manufacturing enterprises as Atlas Copco, Electrolux, Saab, Scania, SCA Packing and Volvo, as well as an insurance company and two chamber orchestras. All firms and organizations presented offer interesting and exciting insights, each in a specific way and each with a fascinating history. The book presents research on the relationship between strategy, control and competitive advantage over extended periods and at several strategic levels, while also taking into account the existence of multiple control systems in a single firm or other organization. Readers are offered an in-depth look into how changes in the environment lead to adjustments in strategies and control systems. It is shown, in addition, how difficult and challenging it can be to implement these changes, and why such efforts are not always successful. But perhaps most importantly, the book conveys an in-depth understanding of how strategies and control systems affect competitive advantage and performance. In both its coverage and focus, the book is unique. Not only does it provide valuable contributions to the research field of strategy and management control; it also represents a substantial commitment in terms of resources and involvement over an extended period. The book is highly recommended to researchers, practitioners, graduate students and all others interested in this area.

This brand new textbook covers all of the core topics found on Introduction to Management modules, and the author's clear, accessible writing style guides students through the world of management. The book also goes a step further to encourage students to develop a critical mindset and think about academic debates around the subject. Innovative Skillsets linked to each substantive chapter integrate practical skills with the topics. Skills such as time management, critical analysis, referencing, personal development planning and reviewing literature are included. Clear, step-by-step guidance helps students develop each skill, understand why it is important, and see how the topic is relevant to practical applications in the real world of business. A truly international range of case studies broadens students' horizons and encourages them to look beyond the standard examples from the UK and America. Emerging markets are becoming ever more important in the rapidly changing business environment, a fact reflected by the inclusion of case studies from the Middle East, Latin America and Africa. Key features Designed to help boost students' academic grades and employability through the provision of integrated Skillsets, which link practical skills with topics in the textbook. These innovative features also clearly demonstrate the relevance of the theoretical material to the real world. A truly international range of case studies broadens students' horizons and encourages them to look beyond the standard set of UK and American examples. Emerging economies are given more attention with detailed analysis of case studies from the Middle East, Latin America and Africa. Case studies analyse service and manufacturing industries, not-for-profit organisations as well as public and private companies. Entrepreneurs, managers and leaders are also covered to provide students with management insights from key practitioners from a range of sectors. Critical reflection boxes encourage students to develop a critical mindset and consider the academic debates behind the theories. A range of online resources to give students more insight into management. Detailed podcast interviews with practitioners expand upon the features in the textbook, and a library of video links offers a variety of contemporary and stimulating material to engage students.

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