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Hedge funds are collective investment vehicles, often organized as private partnerships and resident offshore for tax and regulatory purposes. Their legal status places few restrictions on their portfolios and transactions, leaving their managers free to use short sales, derivative securities, and leverage to raise returns and cushion risk. This paper considers the role of hedge funds in financial market dynamics, with particular reference to the Asian crisis.

With the immediacy of today's NASDAQ close and the timeless power of a Greek tragedy, *The Quants* is at once a masterpiece of explanatory journalism, a gripping tale of ambition and hubris, and an ominous warning about Wall Street's future. In March of 2006, four of the world's richest men sipped champagne in an opulent New York hotel. They were preparing to compete in a poker tournament with million-dollar stakes, but those numbers meant nothing to them. They were accustomed to risking billions. On that night, these four men and their cohorts were the new kings of Wall Street. Muller, Griffin, Asness, and Weinstein were among the best and brightest of a new breed, the quants. Over the prior twenty years, this species of math whiz--technocrats who make billions not with gut calls or fundamental analysis but with formulas and high-speed computers--had usurped the testosterone-fueled, kill-or-be-killed risk-takers who'd long been the alpha males the world's

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largest casino. The quants helped create a digitized money-trading machine that could shift billions around the globe with the click of a mouse. Few realized, though, that in creating this unprecedented machine, men like Muller, Griffin, Asness and Weinstein had sowed the seeds for history's greatest financial disaster. Drawing on unprecedented access to these four number-crunching titans, *The Quants* tells the inside story of what they thought and felt in the days and weeks when they helplessly watched much of their net worth vaporize--and wondered just how their mind-bending formulas and genius-level IQ's had led them so wrong, so fast.

Praise for *When Prime Brokers Fail* "An essential guide to understanding why so many hedge funds failed during the 2008 crash and why so many will continue to fail in the future." —François Lhabitant, PhD Chief Investment Officer, Kedge Capital Professor of Finance, EDHEC Business School "A must-read for every hedge fund manager, investment banking executive, and prime brokerage professional. This is hands down the most educational resource on the challenges, trends, and risks within the prime brokerage space." —Richard Wilson, founder of the Prime Brokerage Association and PrimeBrokerageGuide.com "Aikman does a masterful job of examining and explaining the intricacies and interdependencies of prime brokerages and the role that these operations play in our increasingly complex financial system." —Peter J. Shippen, CFA, CAIA President, Redwood Asset Management Inc. *The New Dangers of Prime Finance* In this revealing book, J. S.

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Aikman takes a detailed and thorough look at the complex relationship between hedge funds and their brokerages and the risks that multiply in extraordinary markets. Before the credit crash, the inextricable relationship between banks and brokers was a little-known risk for both parties. When troubles loom large, the unraveling of these tightly wound affiliations can seriously damage both organizations and induce systemic financial collapse. When Prime Brokers Fail takes a close look at the unheeded risks of prime finance and lays out the steps required for managers to protect their funds and bankers to protect their brokerages. The Little Book of Hedge Funds that's big on explanations even the casual investor can use An accessible overview of hedge funds, from their historical origin, to their perceived effect on the global economy, to why individual investors should understand how they work, The Little Book of Hedge Funds is essential reading for anyone seeking the tools and information needed to invest in this lucrative yet mysterious world. Authored by wealth management expert Anthony Scaramucci, and providing a comprehensive overview of this shadowy corner of high finance, the book is written in a straightforward and entertaining style. Packed with introspective commentary, highly applicable advice, and engaging anecdotes, this Little Book: Explains why the future of hedge funds lies in their ability to provide greater transparency and access in order to attract investors currently put off because they do not understand how they work Shows that hedge funds have grown in both size and importance in the investment

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community and why individual investors need to be aware of their activities Demystifies hedge fund myths, by analyzing the infamous 2 and 20 performance fee and addressing claims that there is an increased risk in investing in hedge funds Explores a variety of financial instruments—including leverage, short selling and hedging—that hedge funds use to reduce risk, enhance returns, and minimize correlation with equity and bond markets Written to provide novice investors, experienced financiers, and financial institutions with the tools and information needed to invest in hedge funds, this book is a must read for anyone with outstanding questions about this key part of the twenty-first century economy.

Hedge funds have become important players in the U.S. & global capital markets. These largely unregulated funds use: a variety of complex trading strategies & instruments, in their liberal use of leverage, in their opacity to outsiders, & in their convex compensation structure. These differences can exacerbate market failures associated with agency problems, externalities, & moral hazard. Counterparty credit risk mgmt. (CCRM) practices are the first line of defense against market disruptions with potential systemic consequences. This article examines how the unique nature of hedge funds may generate market failures that make CCRM for exposures to the funds intrinsically more difficult to manage, both for regulated institutions & for policymakers. III.

Each episode of volatility in financial markets heightens the attention of government officials and others to the role played by the hedge fund industry in financial market

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dynamics. Hedge funds were implicated in the 1992 crises that led to major exchange rate realignments in the European Monetary System, and again in 1994 after a period of turbulence in international bond markets. Concerns mounted in 1997 in the wake of the financial upheavals in Asia. And they were amplified in 1998, with allegations of large hedge fund transactions in various Asian currency markets and with the near collapse of a major hedge fund, Long-Term Capital Management (LTCM). This paper discusses the size, number, and investment styles of hedge funds, and their interactions with global financial markets. It reviews the present state of their supervision and regulation, and assesses various suggestions for regulating them more closely, often as part of new regulatory approaches to the larger financial markets of which hedge funds are but a small part.

The comprehensive M&A guide, updated to reflect the latest changes in the M&A environment M&A, Second Edition provides a practical primer on mergers and acquisitions for a broad base of individuals numbering in the hundreds of thousands: Investment bankers involved with mergers and acquisitions (M&A). Equity analysts at hedge funds, risk arbitrage funds, pension funds, and banks, who invest in firms engaged in M&A. Private equity professionals at buyout funds, venture capital funds, and hedge funds, who routinely buy and sell companies. Corporate executives and business development professionals. Institutional loan officers working with M&A and buyout transactions. Business students at colleges and graduate business schools. Investor relations professionals at corporations and

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public relations firms. Lawyers who work with corporate clients on M&A–related legal, financial, and tax matters. Independent public accounting firms that review M&A accounting. Government regulators Sophisticated individual investors Its comprehensive approach covers each step in the process, from finding an opportunity, to analyzing the potential, to closing the deal, with new coverage of private equity funds and international transactions. This updated second edition also includes information on emerging markets, natural resource valuation, hostile takeovers, special deals, and more, plus new examples and anecdotes taken from more current events. Additional illustrations and charts help readers quickly grasp the complex information, providing a complete reference easily accessible by anyone involved in M&A. The mergers and acquisitions environment has changed in the thirteen years since M&A was initially published, creating a tremendous need for authoritative M&A guidance from a banker’s perspective. This M&A update fills that need by providing the characteristic expert guidance in clear, concise language, complete with the most up–to–date information. Discover where M&A fits into different corporate growth strategies, and the unique merits it confers Delineate clear metrics for determining risk, valuation, and optimal size of potential acquisitions Gain deeper insight into the fundamentals of negotiation, due diligence, and structuring Understand the best time to sell, the best way to sell, and the process of the sale itself In the past decade, the dollar value of M&A deals has jumped ten–fold, and the number of individuals

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involved has expanded considerably. More and more executives, analysts, and bankers need to get up-to-date on the mechanics of M&A, without wading through volume after volume of dense, legalistic jargon. Finally, M&A is back providing a complete reference to the current state of the M&A environment.

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The dynamic environment of investment banks, hedge funds, and private equity firms comes to life in David Stowell's introduction to the ways they challenge and sustain each other. Capturing their reshaped business plans in the wake of the 2007-2009 global meltdown, his book reveals their key functions, compensation systems, unique roles in wealth creation and risk management, and epic battles for investor funds and corporate influence. Its combination of perspectives--drawn from his industry and academic backgrounds--delivers insights that illuminate the post-2009 reinvention and acclimation processes. Through a broad view of the ways these financial institutions affect corporations, governments, and individuals, Professor Stowell shows us how and why they will continue to project their power and influence. Emphasizes the needs for capital, sources of capital, and the process of getting capital to those who need it. Integrates into the chapters ten cases about recent transactions, along with case notes and questions

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Accompanies cases with spreadsheets for readers to create their own analytical frameworks and consider choices and opportunities.

This dissertation focuses on studying how investment banks affect hedge fund equity investments through acting as prime brokers for hedge funds. The first chapter studies how the relationships between hedge funds and investment banks are maintained through equity issuance and prime brokerage business. Using a comprehensive dataset of hedge funds and IPO allocations, I examine IPO allocation decisions by investment banks to hedge funds. I find that investment banks whose prime brokers have strong relationships with hedge funds and are lead underwriters of IPOs tend to allocate more IPOs to these hedge funds. Moreover, the allocation to hedge funds is larger when IPOs are underpriced, and the allocations are larger during bearish periods compared to bullish periods. I further document that hedge fund investments in IPOs are determined by the strength of hedge fund-prime broker relationships, rather than by hedge fund manager skills. I also find that hedge funds which have multiple prime brokers tend to invest in more IPOs. As a result, prime brokers implicitly support hedge funds through favorable IPO allocations. The second chapter finds that hedge funds can profit from anticipating upcoming changes in analysts' recommendations before they become public. I provide evidence supporting the hypothesis that hedge funds that have prime brokerage affiliations with analysts' investment banks have access to information on upcoming analysts' recommendations. Focusing on recommendations issued up to two days following stock holding report date, I find that large hedge funds that are clients of the investment bank (affiliated hedge funds) tend to buy upgrades and sell downgrades in a larger magnitude compared to other hedge funds before the public release of

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recommendations. Moreover, relative to non-affiliated hedge funds, affiliated hedge funds have a higher probability to trade in a way that is consistent with upcoming recommendation changes and earn higher (or avoid lower) short-term abnormal returns by buying (or selling) before upgrades (or downgrades). The results indicate that prime brokerage affiliation is an important source of private information on analysts' reports for hedge funds. The third chapter studies hedge funds' equity investment strategies by examining the investment value and risk consequence of their holdings concentration in large-cap and small-cap stocks. We find that stocks, especially small-cap ones, with concentrated hedge fund holdings earn higher future returns than those with less concentrated holdings. We also find that stocks with concentrated hedge fund holdings have higher downside risks, and the holdings concentration expedites the drop of stock performance, especially during financial crisis. In addition, small-cap stocks with higher holdings concentration are associated with hedge funds using higher leverage, consistent with Stein (2009) that deleverage leads to the negative return shock and downside risks in stocks. Our findings suggest that hedge fund managers are skilled in making equity investment under different market efficiency. Money Makers illuminates the often secretive industries of the private sector that drive the modern economy. David Snider and Chris Howard draw on their interviews with top executives- such as Jamie Dimon, CEO of JPMorgan Chase; David Rubenstein, Cofounder of the Carlyle Group; and Shona Brown, Senior Vice President of Business Operations at Google- to reveal the histories, mechanics, operations and challenges of investment banking, venture capital, private equity, hedge funds, management consulting, and the management of Fortune 500 companies. Money Makers is an indispensable on-the-ground guide that puts today's financial

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landscape into perspective. With a Foreword by Robert K. Steel, Former CEO of Wachovia and Under Secretary of Domestic Finance for the US Treasury.

Hedge Fund Activism begins with a brief outline of the research literature and describes datasets on hedge fund activism.

Seminar paper from the year 2007 in the subject Business economics - Banking, Stock Exchanges, Insurance, Accounting, grade: 1,1, Berlin School of Economics, course: National and International Financial Relations, 13 entries in the bibliography, language: English, abstract: With the recent announcement of the investment bank Bear Stearns that two of their hedge funds High-Grade Structured Credit Enhanced Leverage Fund and High-Grade Structured Credit Fund had become nearly worthless, the discussion about hedge funds was newly rekindled. The funds were mainly invested in the market for mortgages loans to debtors with a medium or low degree of credit worthiness, the so called sub prime lending. They traded with collateralized debt obligations (CDO), which bunch the risk of those loans. Due to the decline in prices of properties and the increase in interest rate debtors got into trouble. Therefore the CDOs lost worth and the funds became bankrupt. Even if that is very problematic for the investors and the investment bank some economists think, that there could occur bigger problems. Meanwhile there are rumours that other funds got into trouble and economists worry that they could destabilize the whole financial system, due to their close relations to other financial institutions. Banks, in particular, which financed the funds, are in danger of being affected. Whether this small crisis will spread or not can actually not be answered. In the next days and months that remains to be seen. But for sure the discussion about hedge funds will be renewed. Therefore this essay will deal with that complicated topic. It is tried to explain what hedge funds are

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and how they work. For this purpose, first of all a proper definition for hedge funds is given. Secondly, the origin of hedge funds will be described and then the typical characteristics will be elaborated. Next, there is a short overview of the common strategies and about the development of hedge funds given. In the last

Get started in investment banking Ace your investment bank course Navigate bull and bear markets Excel in the world of investment banking One of the most lucrative fields in business, investment banking frequently perplexes even banking professionals working within its complex laws. Investment Banking For Dummies remedies common misconceptions with a straightforward assessment of banking fundamentals. This book tracks to typical university courses on the subject and helps students and professionals understand the fundamentals of investment banking. With new and updated content, this edition addresses the major financial changes that have occurred in recent years. Inside... Key investment banking operations Strategies for risk management Advice on cryptocurrencies Updated IPO coverage Discounted cash flow analysis Mergers and acquisitions Structuring a leveraged buyout Resources for investment bankers

Until about twenty years ago, the consensus view on the cause of financial-system distress was fairly simple: a run on one bank could easily turn to a panic involving runs on all banks, destroying some and disrupting the financial system. Since then, however, a series of events—such as emerging-market debt crises, bond-market meltdowns, and the Long-Term Capital Management episode—has forced a rethinking of the risks facing financial institutions and the tools available to measure and manage these risks. The Risks of Financial Institutions examines the various risks affecting financial institutions and explores a variety of methods to help

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institutions and regulators more accurately measure and forecast risk. The contributors--from academic institutions, regulatory organizations, and banking--bring a wide range of perspectives and experience to the issue. The result is a volume that points a way forward to greater financial stability and better risk management of financial institutions.

Written by the Founder and CEO of the prestigious New York School of Finance, this book schools you in the fundamental tools for accurately assessing the soundness of a stock investment. Built around a full-length case study of Wal-Mart, it shows you how to perform an in-depth analysis of that company's financial standing, walking you through all the steps of developing a sophisticated financial model as done by professional Wall Street analysts. You will construct a full scale financial model and valuation step-by-step as you page through the book. When we ran this analysis in January of 2012, we estimated the stock was undervalued. Since the first run of the analysis, the stock has increased 35 percent. Re-evaluating Wal-Mart 9months later, we will step through the techniques utilized by Wall Street analysts to build models on and properly value business entities. Step-by-step financial modeling - taught using downloadable Wall Street models, you will construct the model step by step as you page through the book. Hot keys and explicit Excel instructions aid even the novice excel modeler. Model built complete with Income Statement, Cash Flow Statement, Balance Sheet, Balance Sheet Balancing Techniques, Depreciation Schedule (complete with accelerating depreciation and deferring taxes), working capital schedule, debt schedule, handling circular references, and automatic debt pay downs. Illustrative concepts including detailing model flows help aid in conceptual understanding. Concepts are reiterated and honed, perfect for a novice yet detailed enough for a professional. Model built direct from Wal-Mart

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public filings, searching through notes, performing research, and illustrating techniques to formulate projections. Includes in-depth coverage of valuation techniques commonly used by Wall Street professionals. Illustrative comparable company analyses - built the right way, direct from historical financials, calculating LTM (Last Twelve Month) data, calendarization, and properly smoothing EBITDA and Net Income. Precedent transactions analysis - detailing how to extract proper metrics from relevant proxy statements Discounted cash flow analysis - simplifying and illustrating how a DCF is utilized, how unlevered free cash flow is derived, and the meaning of weighted average cost of capital (WACC) Step-by-step we will come up with a valuation on Wal-Mart Chapter end questions, practice models, additional case studies and common interview questions (found in the companion website) help solidify the techniques honed in the book; ideal for universities or business students looking to break into the investment banking field.

An informative primer on the new landscape of leading prime brokers Before the recent financial crisis, both regulators and market participants disregarded the complex and dangerous nature of the relationship between prime brokers (the banks) and their clients (the funds). In *When Prime Brokers Fail*, J. S. Aikman examines the convoluted structure of this relationship, the main participants, and the impact of the near collapse of prime brokerages on the financial world. Filled with in-depth insights and expert advice, *When Prime Brokers Fail* takes a close look at the unheeded risks of prime finance and lays out the steps required for managers to protect their funds and bankers to protect their brokerages. Examines the challenges, trends, and risks within the prime brokerage space Discusses the structural adjustments firms will need to make to avoid similar disasters Analyzes the complex relationship between hedge funds and their brokerages and

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the risks that multiply in extraordinary markets Covers new ways to manage an inherently risky business and the regulations that may soon be introduced into this arena Engaging and informative, this timely book details the intricacies and interdependencies of prime brokerages and the role that these operations play in our increasingly dynamic financial system.

As our economy evolves, private equity groups, hedge funds, and investment banks compete and cooperate in different ways. Their recent innovations are reported and analyzed by the 3rd edition of David Stowell's landmark book, which adds three new cases, significantly revisions of most chapters, and updated figures, tables, and exhibits. It captures the actual work that associates and vice presidents do, providing readers with templates for real transactions. Finally, it provides significantly more content about the ways liquidity is supplied in secondary markets, including an overview of high frequency trading/electronic market making, quantitative trading strategies, and the evolution of cash equities from open outcry pits to fully electronic central limit order books. Includes a new chapter on China to accompany nine heavily updated chapters Integrates three new cases with relevant chapters in the book to create real world applications of chapter teachings Employs spreadsheet models to enable readers to create analytical frameworks for considering choices, opportunities and risks described in the cases Insider guidance to the modern world of investment banking today In Investment Banking Explained, Wharton professor and global financier Michel Fleuriet provides a complete overview of investment banking in its modern form; defines key terms; identifies structures, strategies, and operational aspects; and analyzes the strategy in each of the main functional areas of an investment bank.

This paper analyzes developments in the hedge fund

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industry. The significant growth of hedge funds, driven by institutional investors, has heightened the desire by the official sector to better understand hedge funds and their activities. The paper examines how one may achieve a better understanding of hedge funds and their market activities, particularly for financial stability considerations. The paper reviews and updates developments in the hedge-fund industry since the previous IMF study in 1998, and considers what progress has been made to satisfy various recommendations and proposals from that time.

The first book of its kind: a fascinating and entertaining examination of hedge funds today Shortlisted for the Financial Times/Goldman Sachs Business Book of the Year Award The New York Times bestseller

A comprehensive guide to alternative investments and a valuable study companion for the CFA, CAIA, FRM and other professional examinations that include hedge fund investing The 2nd Edition offers new material related to portfolio financing, how funds are sold, liquid alternatives, and the challenges faced when trying to value hedge fund management companies. This edition includes updated power point slides, and a companion workbook with an updated set of end of chapter problems and a revised set of over 150 test bank questions. Hedge Fund Investing is a complete guide to alternative investments for students and professionals alike. Written to align with the CAIA curriculum, this book is much more than just an exam preparation resource—it's a fully comprehensive guide to hedge fund investing in today's market, designed to provide professionals with the deep understanding they need to operate effectively. Broad coverage under the alternative investment umbrella includes discussion about hedge funds, derivatives, investment banking, and commercial banking, with specific guidance toward trading, strategy, portfolio management,

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performance metrics, due diligence, and more. A full set of ancillary materials helps bring this book into the classroom, and provides rigorous reinforcement of the material presented in the text. Alternative investment expertise has become central to the asset management and institutional investment community. This book facilitates clear understanding of the intricacies of the field and guides you through the practical skills needed to successfully navigate this diverse set of asset classes. Recognize hedge fund trends, flows, and characteristics Examine major hedge fund strategies and how they interact Learn the technical side of financing, settlement, and clearance Measure fund performance and optimize contributing factors Hedge funds and other alternative investments are known for their high reward, but they also come with significant risk. The investment professional's role is to minimize these risks while maximizing reward, but the nuanced nature of these assets dramatically complicates the task. Hedge Fund Investing details every aspect to give you the deep and instinctual understanding you need to operate effectively within the alternative investment sphere. This description of the symbiotic relationships among investment banks, hedge funds, and private equity firms shows students how firms simultaneously compete and cooperate. The author has captured the ways these firms are reinventing themselves in the post-crash regulatory environment and, through ten extensive cases, the ways in which they are increasing their power and influence. Emphasizes the needs for capital, sources of capital, and the process of getting capital to those who need it. Integrates into the chapters ten cases about recent transactions, along with case notes and questions Accompanies cases with spreadsheets for readers to create their own analytical frameworks and consider choices and opportunities. An insider's look at the changing balance of power on Wall

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Street The Battle for Wall Street follows the struggle for power between two giants: the sellers, traditional commercial and investments banks; and the buyers, upstart hedge funds, private equity firms and the like. The battle is about winning the hearts, minds, and – yes, the wallets – of global investors. This battle is still running its course, and with the insights of industry veteran Richard Goldberg, who has had a front row seat, readers will gain a detailed understanding as to what, exactly, is going on within this dynamic arena, specifically the forces behind the shift of power from the old sell side gatekeepers to the new buy side players. The book will play out in three acts: Act One will examine the instruments of change – liquidity and financial technology – along with their influence on the sell and buy sides. Act Two will look at the agents of change – hedge funds, private equity, financial entrepreneurs, endowments, exchanges and sovereign wealth funds – and their impact on the sell and buy sides. In Act Three, Goldberg will take out his crystal ball and walk through the strategic implications for the winners and losers in this battle, against the dramatic backdrop of the subprime mortgage crisis and the resulting shakeup of global firms like Bear Stearns. But Wall Street isn't simply about institutions or corporate battles. It's a landscape dominated by personalities. Goldberg's unique access to major players will bring this book to life with amazing anecdotes and stories about the financial generals who have left their mark in The Battle for Wall Street.

In 1990 hedge funds managed some 39 billion of assets and were almost unknown. By 2008 that figure had grown to almost 2 trillion and hedge funds were being blamed by some for contributing to the credit crunch and demonised by others for their greed. The rise of the industry has created a new bunch of billionaires, who have made themselves rich by managing other people's money. Nowadays most people

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have heard the term 'hedge fund' but few are clear about what exactly a hedge fund is or what it does. This guide aims to put them in the picture with the clarity and lively prose that The Economist is famous for. It provides a succinct survey of the industry for all those who think they should know about hedge funds, but do not. It is aimed at all those who might want or have to deal with a hedge fund: private investors, trustees of a pension fund, directors of a listed company, lawyers and accountants who may be interested in working in the industry. It is also aimed at those who happily criticise hedge funds without really knowing what they do.

Master's Thesis from the year 2005 in the subject Business economics - Investment and Finance, grade: A- (German: Sehr Gut 1,3), Stellenbosch University, course: Master of Commerce- Business Management, 114 entries in the bibliography, language: English, abstract: This study aims to look at the definition of the group of alternative investments commonly known as 'hedge funds', in order to better understand why regulatory bodies the world over are vehemently working on introducing new legislation and guidelines as a means of maintaining market security and integrity in order to ensure adequate investor protection. This study posits that the two most viable options available to regulatory bodies to ensure effective implementation of these changes are (i) to either further restrict access to hedge funds and thereby curb their 'retailization' and/or (ii) to introduce rigorous levels of disclosure on the part of hedge funds and their intermediaries. It is the objective of this study to establish that for either of these options to be attained, tangible improvement in both the quantity and quality of information disclosure from hedge funds and their intermediaries about their positions, strategies and exposures in a manner that would enable them to continue to provide the market efficiency-enhancing services that they currently

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offer. After introducing all the key issues that have motivated this resolve, the study looks at the current regulatory environment and the challenges facing regulators such as the varying degrees of banking freedom offered by different states and jurisdictions. Proposed changes to current legislation are also considered across several jurisdictions. The results from the local market field study set the platform for recommendations to be investigated in future studies in order to provide guidelines for the supervision of the hedge fund industry.

Master's Thesis from the year 2006 in the subject Business economics - Law, grade: A- (German: Sehr Gut 1,5), University of Frankfurt (Main) (The Institute for Law and Finance), course: LL.M. (Finance), 0 entries in the bibliography, language: English, abstract: This paper investigates 'activist investing' as adopted by some institutional investors and hedge funds, and explores the resulting impact on the decision-making and corporate governance processes of the companies in which they invest. Firstly, it suggests that although activist investing has become something of a fad and its benefit to firm performance is still disputed, investors' attitudes have changed and acceptance of the strategy is growing. Secondly, it posits that hedge funds, in keeping with their respective financial size and available resources will continue to apply this strategy with three key objectives in mind, namely: (i) To unlock value for short-term profit gains; (ii) To support a quasi-long-only medium-term (circa. 7 years) investment diversification strategy; (iii) To acquire businesses for the building of conglomerate industrial groups of companies, i.e. forging "King Cong" funds. For a more thorough introduction to hedge funds in general, readers are invited to read my earlier study titled:"The Challenge of reigning-in Hedge Funds through Regulation and the Need to improve Disclosure

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Requirements". the latter looks at: 1. Lack of transparency as a key feature of hedge fund investment 2. Benchmarking and Performance Measurement error 3. Risk management challenge presented by investing in hedge funds 4. Management Fees and their relation to performance and risk 5. Index funds & Fund of funds and their diversification advantages over hedge funds and other key topics

Seminar paper from the year 2007 in the subject Business economics - Banking, Stock Exchanges, Insurance, Accounting, grade: 1,1, Berlin School of Economics, course: National and International Financial Relations, 13 entries in the bibliography, language: English, abstract: With the recent announcement of the investment bank Bear Stearns that two of their hedge funds High-Grade Structured Credit Enhanced Leverage Fund and High-Grade Structured Credit Fund had become nearly worthless, the discussion about hedge funds was newly rekindled. The funds were mainly invested in the market for mortgages loans to debtors with a medium or low degree of credit worthiness, the so called sub prime lending. They traded with collateralized debt obligations (CDO), which bunch the risk of those loans. Due to the decline in prices of properties and the increase in interest rate debtors got into trouble. Therefore the CDOs lost worth and the funds became bankrupt. Even if that is very problematic for the investors and the investment bank some economists think, that there could occur bigger problems. Meanwhile there are rumours that other funds got into trouble and economists worry that they could destabilize the whole financial system, due to their close relations to other financial institutions. Banks, in particular, which financed the funds, are in danger of being affected. Whether this small crisis will spread or not can actually not be answered. In the next days and months that remains to be seen. But for sure the discussion about hedge funds will be renewed. Therefore this essay will deal with that

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Investment Banking, UNIVERSITY EDITION is a highly accessible and authoritative book written by investment bankers that explains how to perform the valuation work at the core of the financial world. This body of work builds on Rosenbaum and Pearl's combined 30+ years of experience on a multitude of transactions, as well as input received from numerous investment bankers, investment professionals at private equity firms and hedge funds, attorneys, corporate executives, peer authors, and university professors. This book fills a noticeable gap in contemporary financial literature, which tends to focus on theory rather than practical application. It focuses on the primary valuation methodologies currently used on Wall Street—comparable companies, precedent transactions, DCF, and LBO analysis—as well as M&A analysis. The ability to perform these methodologies is especially critical for those students aspiring to gain full-time positions at investment banks, private equity firms, or hedge funds. This is the book Rosenbaum and Pearl wish had existed when we were trying to break into Wall Street. Written to reflect today's dynamic market conditions, Investment Banking, UNIVERSITY EDITION skillfully: Introduces students to the primary valuation methodologies currently used on Wall Street Uses a step-by-step how-to approach for each methodology and builds a chronological knowledge base Defines key terms, financial concepts, and

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processes throughout Provides a comprehensive overview of the fundamentals of LBOs and an organized M&A sale process Presents new coverage of M&A buy-side analytical tools—which includes both qualitative aspects, such as buyer motivations and strategies, along with technical financial and valuation assessment tools Includes a comprehensive merger consequences analysis, including accretion/(dilution) and balance sheet effects Contains challenging end-of-chapter questions to reinforce concepts covered A perfect guide for those seeking to learn the fundamentals of valuation, M&A, and corporate finance used in investment banking and professional investing, this UNIVERSITY EDITION—which includes an instructor's companion site—is an essential asset. It provides students with an invaluable education as well as a much-needed edge for gaining entry to the ultra-competitive world of professional finance.

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