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Preface

Quantitative finance and risk management is a combination of economics, accounting, statistics, econometrics, mathematics, stochastic process, and computer science and technology. This handbook is the most comprehensive handbook in quantitative finance and risk management, which integrates theory, methodology, and application. Because of the importance of quantitative finance and risk management in the finance industry, it has become one of the most popular subjects in business school and departments of mathematics, operation research, and statistics. In addition, the finance industry has many job opportunities for people with good training in quantitative finance and risk management. Thus, a handbook should have a broad audience and be of interest to academics, educators, students, and practitioners.

Based upon our years of experience in industry, teaching, research, textbook writing, and journal editing on the subject of quantitative finance and risk management, this handbook will review, discuss, and integrate theoretical, methodological and practical issues of quantitative finance and risk management. This handbook can be divided into five parts as follows:

- Part I. Overview of Quantitative Finance and Risk Management Research
- Part II. Portfolio Theory and Investment Analysis
- Part III. Options and Option Pricing Theory
- Part IV. Risk Management
- Part V. Theory, Methodology and Applications

Part I of this handbook covers 3 chapters; they are “Chapter A. Theoretical Framework of Finance,” “Chapter B. Investment, Dividend, Financing, and Production Policies,” and “Chapter C. Research Methods of Quantitative Finance and Risk Management.” Part II of this handbook covers 18 chapters of portfolio theory and investment analysis. Part III of this handbook includes 21 chapters of options and option pricing theory. Part IV of this handbook includes 23 chapters of theory and practice in risk management. Finally, part V of this handbook covers 44 chapters of theory, methodology and applications in quantitative finance and risk management.

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