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The past three decades witnessed rapid and profound change in the investment industry as well as a financial crisis of historic magnitude. The vast expansion of financial markets during this period was due in part to innovations in securitization and credit enhancement that gave birth to new trading strategies. These strategies were in turn made feasible by developments in communication and information technology, as well as by advances in the theory of investments.

Yet the crisis was also rooted in the cracks of these developments. Many of the innovations in security design facilitated high leverage and an exaggerated notion of the efficacy of risk transfer strategies. This engendered complacency about risk that was coupled with relaxation of regulation as well as reduced transparency that masked the precarious condition of many big players in the system.

Of necessity, our text has evolved along with financial markets. We devote considerable attention to recent breathtaking changes in market structure and trading technology. At the same time, however, many basic principles of investments remain important. We continue to organize the book around one basic theme-that security markets are nearly efficient, meaning that you should expect to find few obvious bargains in these markets. Given what we know about securities, their prices usually appropriately reflect their risk and return attributes; free lunches are few and far apart in markets as competitive as these. This starting point remains a powerful approach to security valuation. While the degree of market efficiency is and will always be a matter of debate, this first principle of valuation, specifically that in the absence of private information prices are the best guide to value, is still valid. Greater emphasis on risk analysis is the lesson woven into the text.

This text also places greater emphasis on *asset allocation* than most other books. We prefer this emphasis for two important reasons. First, it corresponds to the procedure that most individuals actually follow when building an investment portfolio. Typically, you start with all of your money in a bank account, only then considering how much to invest in something riskier that might offer a higher expected return. The logical step at this point is to consider other risky asset classes, such as stock, bonds, or real estate. This is an asset allocation decision. Second, in most cases the asset allocation choice is far more important than specific security-selection decisions in determining overall investment performance. Asset allocation is the primary determinant of the risk-return profile of the investment portfolio, and so it deserves primary attention in a study of investment policy.

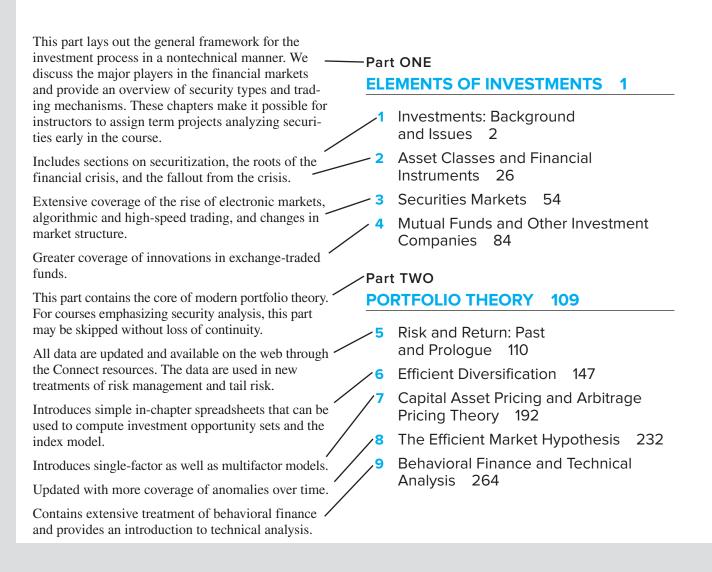
Our book also focuses on investment analysis, which allows us to present the practical applications of investment theory and to convey insights of practical value. We provide a systematic collection of Excel spreadsheets that give you tools to explore concepts more deeply. These spreadsheets are available as part of the Connect resources for this text and provide a taste of the sophisticated analytic tools available to professional investors.

In our efforts to link theory to practice, we also have attempted to make our approach consistent with that of the CFA Institute. The Institute administers an education and certification program to candidates seeking designation as a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA). The CFA curriculum represents the consensus of a committee of distinguished scholars and practitioners regarding the core of knowledge required by the investment professional. We continue to include questions from previous CFA exams in our end-of-chapter problems as well as CFA-style questions derived from the Kaplan-Schweser CFA preparation courses.

This text will introduce you to the major issues of concern to all investors. It can give you the skills to conduct a sophisticated assessment of current issues and debates covered by both the popular media and more specialized finance journals. Whether you plan to become an investment professional or simply a sophisticated individual investor, you will find these skills essential.

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**Essentials of Investments,** Tenth Edition, is intended as a textbook on investment analysis most applicable for a student's first course in investments. The chapters are written in a modular format to give instructors the flexibility to either omit certain chapters or rearrange their order. The highlights in the margins describe updates and important features in this edition.



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This is the first of three parts on security valuation.

Includes material on sovereign credit default swaps.

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This part is presented in a "top-down" manner, starting with the broad macroeconomic environment before moving to more specific analysis.

Discusses how international political developments such as the euro crisis can have major impacts on economic prospects.

Contains free cash flow equity valuation models as well as a discussion of the pitfalls of discounted cash flow models.

Includes a top-down rationale for how ratio analysis can be organized to guide one's analysis of firm performance.

This part highlights how these markets have become crucial and integral to the financial universe and are major sources of innovation.

Offers thorough introduction to option payoffs, strategies, and securities with embedded options.

Extensive introduction to risk-neutral valuation methods and their implementation in the binomial option-pricing model.

This part unifies material on active management and is ideal for a closing-semester unit on applying theory to actual portfolio management.

Rigorous development of performance evaluation methods.

Provides evidence on international correlation and the benefits of diversification.

Updated assessment of hedge fund performance and the exposure of hedge funds to "black swans."

Employs extensive spreadsheet analysis of the interaction of taxes and inflation on long-term financial strategies.

Modeled after the CFA Institute curriculum, also includes guidelines on "How to Become a Chartered Financial Analyst."

# **Pedagogical Features**

#### **Learning Objectives**

Each chapter begins with a summary of the chapter learning objectives, providing students with an overview of the concepts they should understand after reading the chapter. The end-of-chapter problems and CFA questions are tagged with the corresponding learning objective.

#### Learning Objectives

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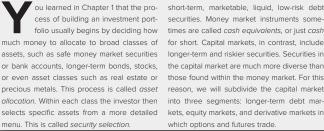
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- .0 3-1 Describe how firms issue securities to the public.
- Identify various types of orders investors can submit to their brokers
- Describe trading practices in dealer markets, specialist-directed stock exchanges, and electronic communication networks.
- O 3-4 Compare the mechanics and investment implications of buying on margin and short-selling.

#### **Chapter Overview**

Each chapter begins with a brief narrative to explain the concepts that will be covered in more depth. Relevant websites related to chapter material can be found in Connect. These sites make it easy for students to research topics further and retrieve financial data and information.



which options and futures trade.

#### Key Terms in the Margin

Key terms are indicated in color and defined in the margin the first time the term is used. A full list of key terms is included in the end-of-chapter materials.

#### Publicly Traded

When a private firm decides that it wishes to raise capital from a wide range of investors, i may decide to go public. This means that it will sell its securities to the general public and allow those investors to freely trade those shares in established securities markets. The first issue of shares to the general public is called the firm's initial public offering (IPO). Later, the firm may go back to the public and issue additional shares. A seasoned equity offering is the sale of additional shares in firms that already are publicly traded. For example, a sale by Apple of new shares of stock would be considered a seasoned new issue.

#### **Numbered Equations**

Key equations are called out in the text and identified by equation numbers. These key formulas are listed at the end of each chapter. Equations that are frequently used are also featured on the text's end sheets for convenient reference.

One way of comparing bonds is to determine the interest rate on taxable bonds that would be necessary to provide an after-tax return equal to that of municipals. To derive this value, we set after-tax yields equal and solve for the equivalent taxable yield of the tax-exempt bond. This is the rate a taxable bond would need to offer in order to match the after-tax yield on the tax-free municipal.

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$$(t) = r_m$$

(2.1)

 $r = \frac{r_m}{1-t}$ Thus, the equivalent taxable yield is simply the tax-free rate divided by 1 - t. Table 2.2 presents equivalent taxable yields for several municipal yields and tax rates.

## On the MARKET FRONT

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proposals would replace the survey rate with one based on actual verifiable transactions—that is, real loans among banks.

#### On the Market Front Boxes

Current articles from financial publications such as The Wall Street Journal are featured as boxed readings. Each box is referred to within the narrative of the text, and its real-world relevance to the chapter material is clearly defined.

#### **Concept Checks**

These self-test questions in the body of the chapter enable students to determine whether the preceding material has been understood and then reinforce understanding before students read further. Detailed Solutions to the Concept Checks are found at the end of each chapter.

# CONCEPT check

Value-Weighted Indexes

Reconsider companies XYZ and ABC from Concept Check Question 2.4. Calculate the percent-age change in the market value-weighted index. Compare that to the rate of return of a portfolio that holds \$500 of ABC stock for every \$100 of XYZ stock (i.e., an index portfolio).

To illustrate how value-weighted indexes are computed, look again at Table 2.3. The final value of all outstanding stock in our two-stock universe is \$690 million. The initial value was \$600 million. Therefore, if the initial level of a market value-weighted index of stocks ABC and XV2 were set equal to an arbitrarily chosen starting value such as 100, the index value at year-end would be 100 x (69)/600 = 115. The increase in the index would reflect the 15% return eared on a portfolio

100 × (by0h000) = 115. The increase in the index would reflect the 15% return earled on a portiolio consisting of these two stocks held in proportion to outstanding market values. Unlike the price-weighted index, the value-weighted index gives more weight to ABC. Whereas the price-weighted index fell because it was dominated by higher-price XY2, the value-weighted index rose because it gave more weight to ABC, the stock with the higher total market value. Note also from Tables 2.3 and 2.4 that market value-weighted indexes are unaffected by stock splits. The total market value of the outstanding XY2 stock increases from \$100 million to \$110 million regardless of the stock split, thereby rendering the split irrelevant to the performance of the index.

#### **Numbered Examples**

Numbered and titled examples are integrated in each chapter. Using the worked-out solutions to these examples as models, students can learn how to solve specific problems step-by-step as well as gain insight into general principles by seeing how they are applied to answer concrete questions.

# **Excel Integration**

### **Excel Applications**

Since many courses now require students to perform analyses in spreadsheet format, Excel has been integrated throughout the book. It is used in examples as well as in this chapter feature which shows students how to create and manipulate spreadsheets to solve specific problems. This feature starts with an example presented in the chapter, briefly discusses how a spreadsheet can be valuable for investigating the topic, shows a sample spreadsheet, and asks students to apply the data to answer questions. These applications also direct the student to the web to work with an interactive version of the spreadsheet. The spreadsheet files are available for download in Connect; available spreadsheets are denoted by an icon. As extra guidance, the spreadsheets include a comment feature that documents both inputs and outputs. Solutions for these exercises are located on the password-protected instructor site only, so instructors can assign these exercises either for homework or just for practice.

Excel application spreadsheets are available for the following:

**Chapter 3:** Buying on Margin; Short Sales **Chapter 7:** Estimating the Index Model Chapter 11: Immunization; Convexity Chapter 15: Options, Stock, and Lending; Straddles and Spreads Chapter 17: Parity and Spreads Chapter 18: Performance Measures; Performance Attribution Chapter 19: International Portfolios Spreadsheet exhibit templates are also available for the following: Chapter 5: Spreadsheet 5.1 Chapter 6: Spreadsheets 6.1–6.6 Chapter 10: Spreadsheets 10.1 & 10.2 Chapter 11: Spreadsheets 11.1 & 11.2 Chapter 13: Spreadsheets 13.1 & 13.2 Chapter 16: Spreadsheet 16.1 Chapter 21: Spreadsheets 21.1–21.10

#### EXCEL APPLICATIONS

Buying on Margin

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This spreadsheet is available in Connect The Excel spreadsheet model below makes it easy to analyze the impacts of different margin levels and the volatility of stock prices. It also allows you to compare return on investment for a margin trade with a trade using no borrowed funds.

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2			Action or Formula	Ending	Return on		Endin g	Return with
3			for Column B	St Price	Investment		St Price	No Margin
4	Initial Equity Investment	\$10,000.00	Enter data		-42.00%			-19.00%
5	Amount Borrowed	\$10,000.00	(B4/B10)-B4	\$20.00	-122.00%		\$20.00	-59.00%
6	Initial Stock Price	\$50.00	Enter data	25.00	-102.00%		25.00	-49.00%
7	Shares Purchased	400	(B4/B10)/B6	30.00	-82.00%		30.00	-39.00%
8	Ending Stock Price	\$40.00	Enter data	35.00	-62.00%		35.00	-29.00%
9	Cash Dividends During Hold Per.	\$0.50	Enter data	40.00	-42.00%		40.00	-19.00%
10	Initial Margin Percentage	50.00%	Enter data	45.00	-22.00%		45.00	-9.00%
11	Maintenance Margin Percentage	30.00%	Enter data	50.00	-2.00%		50.00	1.00%
12				55.00	18.00%		55.00	11.00%
13	Rate on Margin Loan	8.00%	Enter data	60.00	38.00%		60.00	21.00%
14	Holding Period in Months	6	Enter data	65.00	58.00%		65.00	31.00%
15				70.00	78.00%		70.00	41.00%
16	Return on Investment			75.00	98.00%		75.00	51.00%
17	Capital Gain on Stock	-\$4,000.00	B7*(B8-B6)	80.00	118.00%		80.00	61.00%
18	Dividends	\$200.00	B7*B9					
19	Interest on Margin Loan	\$400.00	B5*(B14/12)*B13					
20	Net Income	-\$4,200.00	B17+B18-B19			LEGEND:		
21	Initial Investment	\$10,000.00	B4			Enter	r data	
22	Return on Investment	-42.00%	B20/B21			Value ca	lculated	

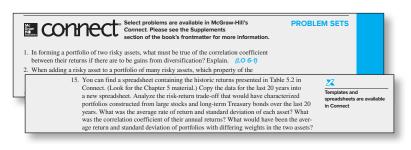
#### Excel Questions

 Suppose you buy 100 shares of stock initially selling for \$50, borrowing 25% of the necessary funds from your broker; that is, the initial margin on your purchase is 25%. You pay an interest rate of 8% on margin loans.

a. How much of your own money do you invest? How much do you borrow from your broker?

b. What will be your rate of return for the following stock prices at the end of a one-year holding period? (i) \$40, (ii) \$50, (iii) \$60.

# **End-of-Chapter Features**



 ICAPLAN
 10. A market order has: (LO 3-2)

 SCHWESER
 a. Price uncertainty but not execution uncertainty.

 b. Both price uncertainty and execution uncertainty.
 c. Execution uncertainty.

 ICAPLAN
 11. Where would an illiquid security in a developing country most likely trade? (LO 3-3)

 SCHWESER
 b. Electronic crossing networks.

 c. Electronic limit-order markets.

CEA	CFA Problems
CFA® \ \ PROBLEMS	1. The following multiple-choice problems are based on questions that appeared in past
TROBLEMS	CFA examinations.
_	<ul> <li>A bond with a call feature: (LO 10-4)</li> </ul>
	(1) Is attractive because the immediate receipt of principal plus premium produces a
	high return.
	(2) Is more apt to be called when interest rates are high because the interest saving will
	be greater.
	(3) Will usually have a higher yield to maturity than a similar noncallable bond.
	(4) None of the above.

 
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 1. Go to finance.yahoo.com, and enter the ticker symbol DIS (for Walt Disney Co.) in the Look Up box. Now click on SEC Filings and look for the link to Disney's most recent annual report (its 10-K). Financial tables are available from the Summary link, and Disney's full annual report may be obtained from the EDGAR link. Locate the company's Consolidated Balance Sheets and answer these questions:

 a. How much preferred stock is Disney authorized to issue? How much has been issued?
 b. How much common stock is Disney authorized to issue? How much has been issued?

 b. How much common stock is Disney authorized to issue? How much for the term "Financing Activities." What is the total amount of borrowing listed for Disney? How much of this is medium-term notes?
 d. What other types of debt does Disney have outstanding?

#### **Problem Sets**

We strongly believe that practice in solving problems is a critical part of learning investments, so we provide a good variety. We have arranged questions by level of difficulty.

#### **Excel Problems**

Select end-of-chapter questions require the use of Excel. These problems are denoted with an icon. Templates and spreadsheets are available in Connect.

#### Kaplan-Schweser Problems

Each chapter contains select CFA-style questions derived from the Kaplan-Schweser CFA preparation courses. These questions are tagged with an icon for easy reference.

#### **CFA Problems**

We provide several questions from past CFA exams in applicable chapters. These questions represent the kinds of questions that professionals in the field believe are relevant to the practicing money manager. Appendix B, at the back of the book, lists each CFA question and the level and year of the CFA Exam it was included in, for easy reference when studying for the exam.

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# **Elements of Investments**

ven a cursory glance at *The Wall Street Journal* reveals a bewildering collection of securities, markets, and financial institutions. But although it may appear so, the financial environment is not chaotic: There is rhyme and reason behind the vast array of financial instruments and the markets in which they trade.

These introductory chapters provide a bird's-eye view of the investing environment. We will give you a tour of the major types of markets in which securities trade, the trading process, and the major players in these arenas. You will see that both markets and securities have evolved to meet the changing and complex needs of different participants in the financial system.

Markets innovate and compete with each other for traders' business just as vigorously as competitors in other industries. The competition between NASDAQ, the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), and several other electronic and non-U.S. exchanges is fierce and public.

Trading practices can mean big money to investors. The explosive growth of online electronic trading has saved them many millions of dollars in trading costs. On the other hand, some worry that lightning-fast electronic trading has put the stability of security markets at risk. All agree, however, that these advances will continue to change the face of the investments industry, and Wall Street firms are scrambling to formulate strategies that respond to these changes.

These chapters will give you a good foundation with which to understand the basic types of securities and financial markets as well as how trading in those markets is conducted.

### Chapters in This Part

PART

- 1 Investments: Background and Issues
- 2 Asset Classes and Financial Instruments
- **3** Securities Markets
- 4 Mutual Funds and Other Investment Companies

Chapter

# Investments: Background and Issues

#### **Learning Objectives**

- LO 1-1 Define an investment.
- LO 1-2 Distinguish between real assets and financial assets.
- LO 1-3 Explain the economic functions of financial markets and how various securities are related to the governance of the corporation.
- LO 1-4 Describe the major steps in the construction of an investment portfolio.
- LO 1-5 Identify different types of financial markets and the major participants in each of those markets.
- LO 1-6 Explain the causes and consequences of the financial crisis of 2008.

#### investment

Commitment of current resources in the expectation of deriving greater resources in the future.

# n **investment** is the *current* commitment of money or other resources in the expectation of reaping future benefits. For example, an individual might purchase shares of stock anticipating that the future proceeds from the shares will justify both the time that her money is tied up as well as the risk of the investment. The time you will spend studying this text (not to mention its cost) also is an investment. You are forgoing either current leisure or the income you could be earning at a job in the expectation that your future career will be sufficiently enhanced to justify this commitment of time and effort. While these two investments differ in many ways, they share one key attribute that is central to all investments: You sacrifice something

of value now, expecting to benefit from that sacrifice later.

This text can help you become an informed practitioner of investments. We will focus on investments in securities such as stocks, bonds, or options and futures contracts, but much of what we discuss will be useful in the analysis of any type of investment. The text will provide you with background in the organization of various securities markets, will survey the valuation and risk management principles useful in particular markets, such as those for bonds or stocks, and will introduce you to the principles of portfolio construction.

Broadly speaking, this chapter addresses three topics that will provide a useful perspective for the material that is to come later. First, before delving into the topic of "investments," we consider the role of financial assets in the economy. We discuss the relationship between securities and the "real" assets that actually produce goods and services for consumers, and we consider why financial assets are important to the functioning of a developed economy. Given this background, we then take a first look at the types of decisions that confront investors as they assemble a portfolio of assets. These investment decisions are made in an environment where higher returns usually can be obtained only at the price of greater risk and in which it is rare to find assets that are so mispriced as to be obvious bargains. These themes-the risk-return trade-off and the efficient pricing of financial assets-are central to the investment process, so it is worth pausing for a brief discussion of their implications as we begin the text. These implications will be fleshed out in much greater detail in later chapters.

We provide an overview of the organization of security markets as well as the various players that participate in those markets. Together, these introductions should give you a feel for who the major participants are in the securities markets as well as the setting in which they act. Finally, we discuss the financial crisis that began playing out in 2007 and peaked in 2008. The crisis dramatically illustrated the connections between the financial system and the "real" side of the economy. We look at the origins of the crisis and the lessons that may be drawn about systemic risk. We close the chapter with an overview of the remainder of the text.

# **1.1 REAL ASSETS VERSUS FINANCIAL ASSETS**

The material wealth of a society is ultimately determined by the productive capacity of its economy, that is, the goods and services its members can create. This capacity is a function of the **real assets** of the economy: the land, buildings, equipment, and knowledge that can be used to produce goods and services.

In contrast to such real assets are **financial assets** such as stocks and bonds. Such securities are no more than sheets of paper or, more likely, computer entries and do not directly contribute to the productive capacity of the economy. Instead, these assets are the means by which individuals in well-developed economies hold their claims on real assets. Financial assets are claims to the income generated by real assets (or claims on income from the government). If we cannot own our own auto plant (a real asset), we can still buy shares in Honda or Toyota (financial assets) and, thereby, share in the income derived from the production of automobiles.

While real assets generate net income to the economy, financial assets simply define the allocation of income or wealth among investors. Individuals can choose between consuming their wealth today or investing for the future. If they choose to invest, they may place their wealth in financial assets by purchasing various securities. When investors buy these securities from companies, the firms use the money so raised to pay for real assets, such as plant, equipment, technology, or inventory. So investors' returns on securities ultimately come from the income produced by the real assets that were financed by the issuance of those securities.

The distinction between real and financial assets is apparent when we compare the balance sheet of U.S. households, shown in Table 1.1, with the composition of national wealth in the United States, shown in Table 1.2. Household wealth includes financial assets such as bank accounts, corporate stock, or bonds. However, debt securities, which are financial assets of the households that hold them, are *liabilities* of the issuers of those securities. For example, a bond that you treat as an asset because it gives you a claim on interest income and repayment of principal from Toyota is a liability of Toyota, which is obligated to make these payments to

#### real assets

Assets used to produce goods and services.

#### financial assets

Claims on real assets or the income generated by them.

#### TABLE 1.1 Balance sheet of U.S. households

			Liabilities		
Assets	\$ Billion	% Total	and Net Worth	\$ Billion	% Total
Real assets					
Real estate	\$22,820	23.9%	Mortgages	\$ 9,551	10.0%
Consumer durables	5,041	5.3	Consumer credit	3,104	3.2
Other	468	0.5	Bank and other loans	493	0.5
Total real assets	\$28,330	29.6%	Security credit	352	0.4
			Other	286	0.3
			Total liabilities	\$13,785	14.4%
Financial assets					
Deposits	\$ 9,783	10.2%			
Life insurance reserves	1,257	1.3			
Pension reserves	19,766	20.7			
Corporate equity	13,502	14.1			
Equity in noncorp. business	8,869	9.3			
Mutual fund shares	7,059	7.4			
Debt securities	5,263	5.5			
Other	1,720	1.8			
Total financial assets	\$67,219	70.4%	Net worth	81,764	85.6
Total	\$95,549	100.0%		\$95,549	100.0%

Note: Column sums may differ from total because of rounding error.

Source: Flow of Funds Accounts of the United States, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, June 2014.

TABLE 1.2	Domestic net worth		
Assets		\$ Billion	
Commercial re	\$20,092		
Residential rea	22,820		
Equipment & i	7,404		
Inventories	2,514		
Consumer dur	5,041		
Total	\$57,873		

Note: Column sums may differ from total because of rounding error. Source: *Flow of Funds Accounts of the United States*, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, June 2014.

you. Your asset is Toyota's liability. Therefore, when we aggregate over all balance sheets, these claims cancel out, leaving only real assets as the net wealth of the economy. National wealth consists of structures, equipment, inventories of goods, and land.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>You might wonder why real assets held by households in Table 1.1 amount to \$28,330 billion, while total real assets in the domestic economy (Table 1.2) are far larger, at \$57,873 billion. A big part of the difference reflects the fact that real assets held by firms, for example, property, plant, and equipment, are included as *financial* assets of the household sector, specifically through the value of corporate equity and other stock market investments. Similarly, Table 1.2 includes assets of noncorporate businesses. Finally, there are some differences in valuation methods. For example, equity and stock investments in Table 1.1 are measured by market value, whereas plant and equipment in Table 1.2 are valued at replacement cost.

c. Customer goodwill

We will focus almost exclusively on financial assets. But you shouldn't lose sight of the fact that the successes or failures of the financial assets we choose to purchase ultimately depend on the performance of the underlying real assets.

b. Lease obligations

- Are the following assets real or financial?
- a. Patents
- d. A college education e. A \$5 bill

# 1.2 FINANCIAL ASSETS

It is common to distinguish among three broad types of financial assets: debt, equity, and derivatives. **Fixed-income** or **debt securities** promise either a fixed stream of income or a stream of income that is determined according to a specified formula. For example, a corporate bond typically would promise that the bondholder will receive a fixed amount of interest each year. Other so-called floating-rate bonds promise payments that depend on current interest rates. For example, a bond may pay an interest rate that is fixed at two percentage points above the rate paid on U.S. Treasury bills. Unless the borrower is declared bankrupt, the payments on these securities are either fixed or determined by formula. For this reason, the investment performance of debt securities typically is least closely tied to the financial condition of the issuer.

Nevertheless, debt securities come in a tremendous variety of maturities and payment provisions. At one extreme, the *money market* refers to fixed-income securities that are short term, highly marketable, and generally of very low risk. Examples of money market securities are U.S. Treasury bills or bank certificates of deposit (CDs). In contrast, the fixed-income *capital market* includes long-term securities such as Treasury bonds, as well as bonds issued by federal agencies, state and local municipalities, and corporations. These bonds range from very safe in terms of default risk (for example, Treasury securities) to relatively risky (for example, high-yield or "junk" bonds). They also are designed with extremely diverse provisions regarding payments provided to the investor and protection against the bankruptcy of the issuer. We will take a first look at these securities in Chapter 2 and undertake a more detailed analysis of the fixed-income market in Part Three.

Unlike debt securities, common stock, or **equity**, in a firm represents an ownership share in the corporation. Equityholders are not promised any particular payment. They receive any dividends the firm may pay and have prorated ownership in the real assets of the firm. If the firm is successful, the value of equity will increase; if not, it will decrease. The performance of equity investments, therefore, is tied directly to the success of the firm and its real assets. For this reason, equity investments tend to be riskier than investments in debt securities. Equity markets and equity valuation are the topics of Part Four.

Finally, **derivative securities** such as options and futures contracts provide payoffs that are determined by the prices of *other* assets such as bond or stock prices. For example, a call option on a share of Intel stock might turn out to be worthless if Intel's share price remains below a threshold or "exercise" price such as \$35 a share, but it can be quite valuable if the stock price rises above that level.<sup>2</sup> Derivative securities are so named because their values derive from the prices of other assets. For example, the value of the call option will depend on the price of Intel stock. Other important derivative securities are futures and swap contracts. We will treat these in Part Five.

Derivatives have become an integral part of the investment environment. One use of derivatives, perhaps the primary use, is to hedge risks or transfer them to other parties. This is done

#### fixed-income (debt) securities

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Pay a specified cash flow over a specific period.

#### equity

An ownership share in a corporation.

#### derivative securities

Securities providing payoffs that depend on the values of other assets.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>A call option is the right to buy a share of stock at a given exercise price on or before the option's expiration date. If the market price of Intel remains below \$35 a share, the right to buy for \$35 will turn out to be valueless. If the share price rises above \$35 before the option expires, however, the option can be exercised to obtain the share for only \$35.

successfully every day, and the use of these securities for risk management is so commonplace that the multitrillion-dollar market in derivative assets is routinely taken for granted. Derivatives also can be used to take highly speculative positions, however. Every so often, one of these positions blows up, resulting in well-publicized losses of hundreds of millions of dollars. While these losses attract considerable attention, they do not negate the potential use of such securities as risk management tools. Derivatives will continue to play an important role in portfolio construction and the financial system. We will return to this topic later in the text.

Investors and corporations regularly encounter other financial markets as well. Firms engaged in international trade regularly transfer money back and forth between dollars and other currencies. Well more than a trillion dollars of currency is traded each day in the market for foreign exchange, primarily through a network of the largest international banks.

Investors also might invest directly in some real assets. For example, dozens of commodities are traded on exchanges such as the New York Mercantile Exchange or the Chicago Board of Trade. You can buy or sell corn, wheat, natural gas, gold, silver, and so on.

Commodity and derivative markets allow firms to adjust their exposure to various business risks. For example, a construction firm may lock in the price of copper by buying copper futures contracts, thus eliminating the risk of a sudden jump in the price of its raw materials. Wherever there is uncertainty, investors may be interested in trading, either to speculate or to lay off their risks, and a market may arise to meet that demand.

## **1.3 FINANCIAL MARKETS AND THE ECONOMY**

We stated earlier that real assets determine the wealth of an economy, while financial assets merely represent claims on real assets. Nevertheless, financial assets and the markets in which they trade play several crucial roles in developed economies. Financial assets allow us to make the most of the economy's real assets.

#### The Informational Role of Financial Markets

Stock prices reflect investors' collective assessment of a firm's current performance and future prospects. When the market is more optimistic about the firm, its share price will rise. That higher price makes it easier for the firm to raise capital and therefore encourages investment. In this manner, stock prices play a major role in the allocation of capital in market economies, directing capital to the firms and applications with the greatest perceived potential.

Do capital markets actually channel resources to the most efficient use? At times, they appear to fail miserably. Companies or whole industries can be "hot" for a period of time (think about the dot-com bubble that peaked in 2000), attract a large flow of investor capital, and then fail after only a few years. The process seems highly wasteful.

But we need to be careful about our standard of efficiency. No one knows with certainty which ventures will succeed and which will fail. It is therefore unreasonable to expect that markets will never make mistakes. The stock market encourages allocation of capital to those firms that appear *at the time* to have the best prospects. Many smart, well-trained, and well-paid professionals analyze the prospects of firms whose shares trade on the stock market. Stock prices reflect their collective judgment.

You may well be skeptical about resource allocation through markets. But if you are, then take a moment to think about the alternatives. Would a central planner make fewer mistakes? Would you prefer that Congress make these decisions? To paraphrase Winston Churchill's comment about democracy, markets may be the worst way to allocate capital except for all the others that have been tried.

#### **Consumption Timing**

Some individuals in an economy are earning more than they currently wish to spend. Others, for example, retirees, spend more than they currently earn. How can you shift your purchasing power from high-earnings periods to low-earnings periods of life? One way is to "store" your

wealth in financial assets. In high-earnings periods, you can invest your savings in financial assets such as stocks and bonds. In low-earnings periods, you can sell these assets to provide funds for your consumption needs. By so doing, you can "shift" your consumption over the course of your lifetime, thereby allocating your consumption to periods that provide the greatest satisfaction. Thus, financial markets allow individuals to separate decisions concerning current consumption from constraints that otherwise would be imposed by current earnings.

#### **Allocation of Risk**

Virtually all real assets involve some risk. When Toyota builds its auto plants, for example, it cannot know for sure what cash flows those plants will generate. Financial markets and the diverse financial instruments traded in those markets allow investors with the greatest taste for risk to bear that risk, while other, less risk-tolerant individuals can, to a greater extent, stay on the sidelines. For example, if Toyota raises the funds to build its auto plant by selling both stocks and bonds to the public, the more optimistic or risk-tolerant investors can buy shares of stock in Toyota, while the more conservative ones can buy Toyota bonds. Because the bonds promise to provide a fixed payment, the stockholders bear most of the business risk but reap potentially higher rewards. Thus, capital markets allow the risk that is inherent to all investments to be borne by the investors most willing to bear that risk.

This allocation of risk also benefits the firms that need to raise capital to finance their investments. When investors are able to select security types with the risk-return characteristics that best suit their preferences, each security can be sold for the best possible price. This facilitates the process of building the economy's stock of real assets.

#### **Separation of Ownership and Management**

Many businesses are owned and managed by the same individual. This simple organization is well suited to small businesses and, in fact, was the most common form of business organization before the Industrial Revolution. Today, however, with global markets and large-scale production, the size and capital requirements of firms have skyrocketed. For example, in 2013 General Electric listed on its balance sheet almost \$70 billion of property, plant, and equipment, and total assets in excess of \$650 billion. Corporations of such size simply cannot exist as owner-operated firms. GE actually has over 500,000 stockholders with an ownership stake in the firm proportional to their holdings of shares.

Such a large group of individuals obviously cannot actively participate in the day-to-day management of the firm. Instead, they elect a board of directors that in turn hires and supervises the management of the firm. This structure means that the owners and managers of the firm are different parties. This gives the firm a stability that the owner-managed firm cannot achieve. For example, if some stockholders decide they no longer wish to hold shares in the firm, they can sell their shares to other investors, with no impact on the management of the firm. Thus, financial assets and the ability to buy and sell those assets in the financial markets allow for easy separation of ownership and management.

How can all of the disparate owners of the firm, ranging from large pension funds holding hundreds of thousands of shares to small investors who may hold only a single share, agree on the objectives of the firm? Again, the financial markets provide some guidance. All may agree that the firm's management should pursue strategies that enhance the value of their shares. Such policies will make all shareholders wealthier and allow them all to better pursue their personal goals, whatever those goals might be.

Do managers really attempt to maximize firm value? It is easy to see how they might be tempted to engage in activities not in the best interest of shareholders. For example, they might engage in empire building or avoid risky projects to protect their own jobs or overconsume luxuries such as corporate jets, reasoning that the cost of such perquisites is largely borne by the shareholders. These potential conflicts of interest are called **agency problems** because managers, who are hired as agents of the shareholders, may pursue their own interests instead.

#### agency problems

Conflicts of interest between managers and stockholders.

Several mechanisms have evolved to mitigate potential agency problems. First, compensation plans tie the income of managers to the success of the firm. A major part of the total compensation of top executives is typically in the form of shares or stock options, which means that the managers will not do well unless the stock price increases, benefiting shareholders. (Of course, we've learned that overuse of options can create its own agency problem. Options can create an incentive for managers to manipulate information to prop up a stock price temporarily, giving them a chance to cash out before the price returns to a level reflective of the firm's true prospects. More on this shortly.) Second, while boards of directors have sometimes been portrayed as defenders of top management, they can, and in recent years increasingly have, forced out management teams that are underperforming. Third, outsiders such as security analysts and large institutional investors such as mutual funds or pension funds monitor the firm closely and make the life of poor performers at the least uncomfortable. Such large investors today hold about half of the stock in publicly listed firms in the United States.

Finally, bad performers are subject to the threat of takeover. If the board of directors is lax in monitoring management, unhappy shareholders in principle can elect a different board. They can do this by launching a *proxy contest* in which they seek to obtain enough proxies (i.e., rights to vote the shares of other shareholders) to take control of the firm and vote in another board. However, this threat is usually minimal. Shareholders who attempt such a fight have to use their own funds, while management can defend itself using corporate coffers. Most proxy fights fail. The real takeover threat is from other firms. If one firm observes another underperforming, it can acquire the underperforming business and replace management with its own team. The stock price should rise to reflect the prospects of improved performance, which provides incentive for firms to engage in such takeover activity.

#### **EXAMPLE 1.1**

Carl Icahn's Proxy Fight with Yahoo! In February 2008, Microsoft offered to buy Yahoo! by paying its current shareholders \$31 for each of their shares, a considerable premium to its closing price of \$19.18 on the day before the offer. Yahoo!'s management rejected that offer and a better one at \$33 a share; Yahoo!'s CEO Jerry Yang held out for \$37 per share, a price that Yahoo! had not reached in over two years. Billionaire investor Carl Icahn was outraged, arguing that management was protecting its own position at the expense of shareholder value. Icahn notified Yahoo! that he had been asked to "lead a proxy fight to attempt to remove the current board and to establish a new board which would attempt to negotiate a successful merger with Microsoft."<sup>3</sup> To that end, he had purchased approximately 59 million shares of Yahoo! and formed a 10-person slate to stand for election against the current board. Despite this challenge, Yahoo!'s management held firm in its refusal of Microsoft's offer, and with the support of the board, Yang managed to fend off both Microsoft and Icahn. In July, Icahn agreed to end the proxy fight in return for three seats on the board to be held by his allies. But the 11-person board was still dominated by current Yahoo! management. Yahoo!'s share price, which had risen to \$29 a share during the Microsoft negotiations, fell back to around \$21 a share. Given the difficulty that a wellknown billionaire faced in defeating a determined management, it is no wonder that proxy contests are rare. Historically, about three of four proxy fights go down to defeat.

#### **Corporate Governance and Corporate Ethics**

We've argued that securities markets can play an important role in facilitating the deployment of capital resources to their most productive uses. But market signals will help to allocate capital efficiently only if investors are acting on accurate information. We say that markets need to be *transparent* for investors to make informed decisions. If firms can mislead the public about their prospects, then much can go wrong.

Despite the many mechanisms to align incentives of shareholders and managers, the three years from 2000 through 2002 were filled with a seemingly unending series of scandals that collectively signaled a crisis in corporate governance and ethics. For example, the

<sup>3</sup>Open letter from Carl Icahn to Board of Directors of Yahoo!, May 15, 2008, published in press release from ICAHN CAPITAL LP.

telecom firm WorldCom overstated its profits by at least \$3.8 billion by improperly classifying expenses as investments. When the true picture emerged, it resulted in the largest bankruptcy in U.S. history, at least until Lehman Brothers smashed that record in 2008. The next-largest U.S. bankruptcy was Enron, which used its now notorious "special purpose entities" to move debt off its own books and similarly present a misleading picture of its financial status. Unfortunately, these firms had plenty of company. Other firms such as Rite Aid, HealthSouth, Global Crossing, and Qwest Communications also manipulated and misstated their accounts to the tune of billions of dollars. And the scandals were hardly limited to the U.S. Parmalat, the Italian dairy firm, claimed to have a \$4.8 billion bank account that turned out not to exist. These episodes suggest that agency and incentive problems are far from solved.

Other scandals of that period included systematically misleading and overly optimistic research reports put out by stock market analysts (their favorable analysis was traded for the promise of future investment banking business, and analysts were commonly compensated not for their accuracy or insight but for their role in garnering investment banking business for their firms) and allocations of initial public offerings to corporate executives as a quid pro quo for personal favors or the promise to direct future business back to the manager of the IPO.

What about the auditors who were supposed to be the watchdogs of the firms? Here too, incentives were skewed. Recent changes in business practice made the consulting businesses of these firms more lucrative than the auditing function. For example, Enron's (now defunct) auditor Arthur Andersen earned more money consulting for Enron than auditing it; given its incentive to protect its consulting profits, it should not be surprising that it, and other auditors, were overly lenient in their auditing work.

In 2002, in response to the spate of ethics scandals, Congress passed the Sarbanes-Oxley Act to tighten the rules of corporate governance. For example, the act requires corporations to have more independent directors, that is, more directors who are not themselves managers (or affiliated with managers). The act also requires each CFO to personally vouch for the corporation's accounting statements, creates an oversight board to oversee the auditing of public companies, and prohibits auditors from providing various other services to clients.

Ultimately, a firm's reputation for integrity is key to building long-term relationships with its customers and is therefore one of its most valuable assets. Indeed, the motto of the London Stock Exchange is "My word is my bond." Every so often firms forget this lesson, but in the end, investments in reputation are in fact good business practice.

# 1.4 THE INVESTMENT PROCESS

An investor's *portfolio* is simply his collection of investment assets. Once the portfolio is established, it is updated or "rebalanced" by selling existing securities and using the proceeds to buy new securities, by investing additional funds to increase the overall size of the portfolio, or by selling securities to decrease the size of the portfolio.

Investment assets can be categorized into broad asset classes, such as stocks, bonds, real estate, commodities, and so on. Investors make two types of decisions in constructing their portfolios. The **asset allocation** decision is the choice among these broad asset classes, while the **security selection** decision is the choice of which particular securities to hold *within* each asset class.

"Top-down" portfolio construction starts with asset allocation. For example, an individual who currently holds all of his money in a bank account would first decide what proportion of the overall portfolio ought to be moved into stocks, bonds, and so on. In this way, the broad features of the portfolio are established. For example, while the average annual return on the common stock of large firms since 1926 has been about 11.5% per year, the average return on U.S. Treasury bills has been less than 4%. On the other hand, stocks are far riskier, with annual returns (as measured by the Standard & Poor's 500 Index) that have ranged as low as -46% and as high as 55%. In contrast, T-bill returns are effectively risk-free: You know what

#### asset allocation

Allocation of an investment portfolio across broad asset classes.

#### security selection

Choice of specific securities within each asset class.