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# FINANCIAL MARKETS

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## Preface

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It gives us immense pleasure to introduce this new book on 'Financial Markets' to the teachers and students of Second Year B.Com (Banking & Insurance), Semester III. The book fully covers the syllabi, as prescribed by the University of Mumbai.

Financial Market has undergone a radical transformation today. The book plans to give a clear exposition of the same to the students. The book covers various practical aspects of trading in stock markets and is fully equipped with questions at the end of each chapter for self-test and practice.

India today is undergoing the demolition of its rigid structures, cumbersome rules and procedural aspects, and building a higher degree of integration with the rest of the world. This integration, unequivocally, brings in new opportunities by extending trade beyond the geographical boundaries of the nation. At the same time, it presents risks. This risk management demands new set of products and competencies.


The economic rationale behind the introduction of derivatives in any economy is risk management and efficient price discovery. Fundamentally, derivatives are risk management products. Worldwide, this markets are reflecting unprecedented growth in volumes. In fact, in many countries, volumes in the underlying cash markets.

The exploitation of these products' value generating capabilities by the market participants requires sound understanding of product nuances and their strategic use. This work will hopefully help readers accomplish that.

The authors thank all those enabled in realising the book in the present form and more specifically Dr. (Mrs.) Usha Mukundan, Principal, Ramniranjan Jhunjhunwala College, Mumbai and host of well-wishers, friends and colleagues and the publishers, M/s. Himalaya Publishing House.

In conclusion, we invite readers' suggestions and feedback, if any, as it would offer us an opportunity to enrich this work further.

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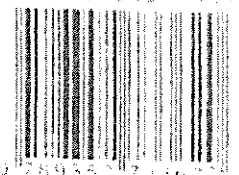
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