

## Due Diligence Techniques And Analysis Critical Questions

How can you be sure you are buying the company you think you are? Are you sure it is as good as the seller says? How can you be certain unexpected costs and obligations will not suddenly appear once you are the owner and responsible for them? How best can you arm yourself for the negotiations? Have you worked out precisely what you are going to do with it once it is yours? How do you set the priorities for change to recoup the premium you have paid for it? The answer to all these questions, and many more, lies with effective due diligence. Due diligence is one of the most important but least well understood aspects of the acquisition process. It is not, as many believe, a chore to be left to the accountants and lawyers. To get the best from it, due diligence has to be properly planned and professionally managed. This book is a comprehensive manual on getting due diligence right. It is a uniquely comprehensive guide, covering all aspects of the process from financial, legal and commercial due diligence right through to environmental and intellectual property due diligence. There are also useful chapters on working with advisers and managing due diligence projects. It also includes a number of checklists to help ensure that the right questions are asked.

With growing market pressures, transaction values, and information density, practitioners need to begin approaching M&A in a more innovative, efficient and collaborative way. This book looks at how Agile, the project management technique, can be scaled and implemented to improve the entire lifecycle of M&A while increasing value and closing deals faster.

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UX Design and Usability Mentor Book includes best practices and real-life examples in a broad range of topics like: UX design techniques Usability testing techniques such as eye-tracking User interface design guidelines Mobile UX design principles Prototyping Lean product development with agile vs. waterfall Use cases User profiling Personas Interaction design Information architecture Content writing Card sorting Mind-mapping Wireframes Automation tools Customer experience evaluation The book includes real-life experiences to help readers apply these best practices in their own organizations. UX Design and Usability Mentor Book is an extension of best-selling Business Analyst's Mentor Book. Thanks to the integrated business analysis and UX design methodology it presents, the book can be used as a guideline to create user interfaces that are both functional and usable.

Techniques to uncover and avoid accounting frauds and scams Inflated profits . . . Suspicious write-offs . . . Shifted expenses . . . These and other dubious financial maneuvers have taken on a contemporary twist as companies pull out the stops in seeking to satisfy Wall Street. Financial Shenanigans pulls back the curtain on the current climate of accounting fraud. It presents tools that anyone who is potentially affected by misleading business valuations from investors and lenders to managers and auditors can use to research and read financial reports, and to identify early warning signs of a company's problems. A bestseller in its first edition, Financial Shenanigans has been thoroughly updated for today's marketplace. New chapters, data, and research reveal contemporary "shenanigans" that have been known to fool even veteran researchers.

The first book to offer a comprehensive framework for conducting the venture capital due diligence process Venture capitalists and other professional investors use due diligence to uncover all of the critical aspects of a company in which they are considering investing in an attempt to estimate the ROI of this decision. The state of the market, management expertise within the firm, legal concerns, location, and environmental issues are just a few of the factors investors include in their due diligence analyses. This book is the only guide to provide investors with a rigorous due diligence framework that can be customized to fit the practice of the firm. The book provides readers with a clear and complete understanding of the due diligence process and formalizes the process for the VC community. The book is structured around key criteria presented in the form of questions. Each question is followed by in-depth explanations and analyses that incorporate the best practices of today's top VCs, including John Doerr, Don Valentine, Kevin Fong, and Ann Winblad.

People often fall in love with a business--just as they fall in love with a house--and forget to use their heads as well as their hearts to assess the property. Asking the right question at the right time can save potential buyers a bundle of money or help them avoid making a major mistake. In this book, Bing shows readers how to investigate a business with an eye to buying or investing. He identifies the techniques to employ, the questions to ask, the documents to review, and the issues to explore to reach intelligent conclusions about an acquisition. In a 30-year practice as a deal maker representing buyers and sellers, Bing knows where the bones are buried in many deals, and he provides invaluable insights and expert opinion readers can use to "buy smarter."

The AMA Handbook of Due Diligence is the most complete guide available on how to properly perform a due diligence investigation — and radically improve the success rate of a pending corporate merger or acquisition. The new edition of this long-trusted resource includes a CD-ROM packed with almost 400 customizable forms and templates for recording and analyzing every possible operational or financial activity at any organization. Extensively revised and updated, the book reflects significant changes in the financial landscape such as the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. There are specialized sections on joint ventures, franchises, and outsourcing, as well as new legal memo and form requirements, including data room index, preliminary diligence memorandum, and the Hart-Scott-Rodino questionnaire. Thorough and easy to use, this essential resource will ensure that every "t" is crossed, every "i" dotted...and no mistakes left out on the table.

How to diagnose and monitor key hedge fund operational risks With the various scandals taking place with hedge funds, now more than ever, both financial and operational risks must be examined. Revealing how to effectively detect and evaluate often-overlooked operational risk factors in hedge funds, such as multi-jurisdictional regulatory coordination, organizational nesting, and vaporware, Hedge Fund Operational Due Diligence includes real-world examples drawn from the author's experiences dealing with the operational risks of a global platform of over 80 hedge funds, funds of hedge funds, private equity, and real estate managers.

Powerful tools for using operations metrics to analyze companies in ways that go beyond traditional financial models and statements. Investors and analysts often need to look into a firm's operations more deeply than traditional financial statements and models allow. This book describes newly developed tools for using operations metrics to discern and influence the valuation of a firm. It is the first to present these techniques from a unified perspective: that of operations forensics, which looks at operations management not from the traditional point of view of a manager but from that of an investor or shareholder. After a discussion of financial statements and the useful but incomplete insights they provide, the book covers the three components of operations forensics: operational indicators, operations details that can predict future performance; operational due diligence, methods for verifying companies' claims about operational excellence and valuing their operational assets; and operational turnaround, an innovative approach to buyout and turnaround strategies. The text also offers brief reviews of operations management concepts, real-world examples of operations forensics, and a glossary. The mathematical material gradually increases in sophistication as the book progresses (but can be skipped without loss of continuity). Each chapter concludes with a "Takeaways and Toolkit" section, a brief summary of prior research, and suggestions for further reading. Operations forensics offers powerful tools and frameworks for financial analysts, private equity firms, managers, and consultants. This book provides a valuable resource for MBA students and practitioners. Downloadable supplementary material for instructors includes figures from the text and 42 slides that can be used for class presentations.

Based on the research and experience of Dow, Schabacker, and Edwards, Technical Analysis of Stock Trends, Ninth Edition presents proven techniques, methods, and procedures for success, even in today's unpredictable markets. New and updated material on Dow Theory and

long term investing, including new tables of

Hedge Fund Due Diligence provides a step-by-step methodology that will allow you to recognize and avoid questionable hedge funds before it's too late. Based on a framework that hedge fund investigative expert Randy Shain has refined over the course of his successful career, this book offers an overview of due diligence into hedge fund management, how information on managers can be obtained, and why this information is essential to your investment endeavors.

The food industry, with its diverse range of products (e.g. short shelf-life foods, modified atmosphere packaged products and minimally processed products) is governed by strict food legislation, and microbiological safety has become a key issue. Legally required to demonstrate 'due diligence', food manufacturers are demanding analytical techniques that are simple to use, cost effective, robust, reliable and can provide results in 'real time'. The majority of current microbiological techniques (classical or rapid), particularly for the analysis of foodborne pathogens, give results that are only of retrospective value and do not allow proactive or reactive measures to be implemented during modern food production. Rapid methods for microbial analysis need to be considered in the context of modern Quality Assurance (QA) systems. This book addresses microbiologists, biochemists and immunologists in the food industry, the public health sector, academic and research institutes, and manufacturers of kits and instruments. This volume is an up-to-date account of recent developments in rapid food microbiological analysis, current approaches and problems, rapid methods in relation to QA systems, and future perspectives in an intensely active field. P.D.P. Contributors Public Health Laboratory, Royal Preston Hospital, PO Box F.J. Bolton 202, Sharoe Green Lane North, Preston PR2 4HG, UK. D. M. Gibson Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Torry Research Station, 135 Abbey Road, Aberdeen AB9 8DG, Scotland. P.A. Hall Microbiology and Food Safety, Kraft General Foods, 801 Waukegan Road, Glenview, Illinois 60025, USA.

A plain-English guide that demystifies the business landscape in China from a due diligence point of view. Due diligence is crucial to any business deal, and, thankfully, due diligence research has come a long way over the years. What used to be a cumbersome, time-consuming process has been standardized and systemized with generally accepted auditing frameworks and tools, such as the all-important auditing "checklists." But when it comes to doing due diligence in China, with its opaque regulatory system and byzantine accounting standards, all bets are off. In this book an acknowledged expert in the field takes you beyond the checklists to arm you with China-specific due diligence strategies, tools and techniques that go beyond what is typically part of the process. Gives a detailed account of why conventional frameworks used in the west simply don't work in China. Provides first-hand accounts based on the author's years of experience as a private equity professional doing deals in China. Reviews, in-depth, the unique differences between corporations and businesses in China and those in the West and their implications for the due diligence process. Uses numerous case studies to guide the reader through an entire due diligence process for a firm in China.

This book will save business buyers and investors time and money by presenting practical and comprehensive information on how to plan, organize, and conduct a due-diligence business investigation.

About the Book An effective Financial Due Diligence exercise is the cornerstone of a successful merger & acquisition deal between a prospective buyer and a seller willing to carry out an arm's length deal throwing up a win-win situation for both. A robust Financial Due Diligence is even more necessary in today's business environment to critically assess the health and hygiene of the target entity to drive a proper valuation acceptable to both the constituents. This book will equip you with the knowledge, practical tools and techniques you need to enable you to conduct an effective financial due diligence. It also discusses aspects of corporate restructuring including the possible impact of the ongoing pandemic on the target organization. Key features A curtain raiser on corporate restructuring. Impact of the ongoing pandemic on the financial due diligence exercise on the target organization. Broad commentary on the due diligence approach with broad emphasis on financial due diligence. The seller side approach to financial due diligence and the pitfalls leading to proverbial black hole of valuation. Deep dive into the buyer side approach to financial due diligence. Financial modelling as an important tool use for financial due diligence. Financial statement analysis and use of financial ratios with illustrations to support the conclusions of financial due diligence. Various methods used in Business Valuation with illustrations. Risk Analysis and Management as an integral part of financial due diligence exercise. Distress Analysis of target entities. Illustrations and case studies picked up from practical experience of the author. Contains a questionnaire for guideline on how to carry out a financial due diligence exercise.

Real Estate Due Diligence is the first textbook on due diligence, the cornerstone of every successful real estate deal. Due diligence is designed to uncover potential risks posed by a real estate acquisition, financing, or development project and failure to carry it out successfully can result in costly oversights and diminished investment returns. This book demonstrates how to assess and manage legal risks on properties such as office buildings, shopping centres, industrial buildings, apartments, and hotels—before the transaction closes. Real estate students and practitioners are taken through all of the essential due diligence areas, including: Titles and ownership issues Zoning and land use Liens and mortgages Condition assessments Environmental and operational concerns And lease analysis Throughout the book, major laws and court cases are used to illustrate due diligence issues and provide rich opportunities for classroom study and discussion. Practice points and comprehensive due diligence checklists help readers to go on to put their learning in practice. This book fills a gap in the real estate literature and is perfect for use as a college textbook, a practitioner's guide, or for industry training.

Designed to help you make your due diligence process as smooth and effective as possible, this collection of checklists by acknowledged expert, Peter Howson, will ensure you manage the risk aspects of any acquisition. The author takes you through the due diligence process itself from legal, financial and commercial to employment and IT, and guides you through the collection. Each checklist includes a short introduction that enables you to make the best use of the material.

Ten years after the worldwide bestseller *Good to Great*, Jim Collins returns with another groundbreaking work, this time to ask: why do some companies thrive in uncertainty, even chaos, and others do not? Based on nine years of research, buttressed by rigorous analysis and infused with engaging stories, Collins and his colleague Morten Hansen enumerate the principles for building a truly great enterprise in unpredictable, tumultuous and fast-moving times. This book is classic Collins: contrarian, data-driven and uplifting.

Spans the relationships among business, ethics, and society by including numerous entries that feature broad coverage of corporate social responsibility, the obligation of companies to various stakeholder groups, the contribution of business to society and culture, and the relationship between organizations and the quality of the environment.

There's a huge problem in the commercial real estate business that nobody is talking about- DUE DILIGENCE. The vast majority of investors, real estate brokers and commercial real estate professionals barely scratch the surface conducting their due diligence when purchasing commercial real estate investments. Investors are taking unnecessary risks and throwing money away or making bad investments, by not properly performing due diligence. In fact, they are leaving big money on the table without even realizing it. Brokers are putting themselves at risk for potential litigation and missing an opportunity to help their clients as a true ally by learning these principles. All because "they don't know what they don't know". I was in the same position, until I created a system that made the entire process easier and less stressful.

Having and adhering to a proven system allows you to do it faster, easier, more efficiently and you're less likely to miss something. It reduces the stress; makes you feel more confident; makes the sellers of the properties less likely to try to play games while negotiating with you, and ultimately helps to make you a better investor because you are more prepared. This handbook gives you a process to follow. A "road map" that takes you through from beginning to end. It is written in a concise, "easy to follow" fashion as a real due diligence tool and is not intended as a voluminous textbook on the subject. It's based upon over 30 years of experience in the commercial real estate business and acquiring

over 9 million square feet from private and institutional owners. The fundamentals remain the same and they are all applicable, whether you're acquiring residential rental properties, an industrial building, a skyscraper or retail shopping center. Some of the things you will learn from the book . . . What to negotiate in the purchase and sale agreement so that you can maximize the opportunities for yourself when it comes time to negotiate further with the seller. Essential provisions to ask for in the purchase and sale agreement. (These could end up costing you dearly later if you don't have them in there). Specific issues and provisions to look for in the leases. (These could be potentially devastating to the investment after you own it). Conducting tenant interviews and what questions to ask so that you can uncover any problems or issues (This can be a goldmine of information). Cost cutting tips and dozens of strategies that will help you add value to the property once you own it. One of the most critical processes done during the due diligence process is the underwriting and financial analysis, which is constantly being revised during that process. (Included is a list of essential questions that must be addressed.) How to ensure that you are getting all you deserve when finalizing the transaction and what to look for on the closing statement to make sure you are. (Most investors leave a lot of money behind by not knowing this information). In addition, you get at the end of handbook . . . Sample Lease Abstract Form (which shows you how to summarize all the main deal points and provisions of a lease document). Due Diligence Checklist Due Diligence Document Checklist Sample Tenant Questionnaire (a sample list of questions that you should ask of tenants when conducting a tenant interview). By having this knowledge and my "step-by-step" system, you will be more prepared and less stressed; more confident in your ability to negotiate and go up against any seller. There are too many things to remember during the process. We need reminding as much as we need learning. Get it now and be prepared for your next real estate investment. Many investors keep it as a constant companion when purchasing real estate.

The financial crisis of 2008 has thrown many of the mergers and acquisitions of recent years into sharp focus. Too many have failed to generate real value for shareholders and many others have only proved lukewarm successes. Although it is impossible to assess accurately the extent to which these failures may be the result of poor planning and execution, they have raised considerable questions about the process, breadth and effectiveness of traditional due diligence activities. Value in Due Diligence explores new applications for due diligence including areas such as corporate culture, social responsibility, and innovation. It also examines the due diligence process itself to draw out those elements that provide effective risk and opportunity management as opposed to simple compliance.

A detailed, step-by-step book covering the entire hedge fund evaluation process Investing in hedge funds is different from investing in other asset classes. There is much less publicly available information about hedge funds performance than there is about mutual funds or individual stocks. Consequently, investing in this class requires more sophisticated investment knowledge, greater due diligence, and, in many cases, a better-developed ability to evaluate investment managers. Hedge Fund Analysis provides a broad framework of how to approach this endeavor, from initial screening to analytical techniques, interviewing skills, and legal and contract negotiations. Along the way, it demonstrates a variety of mechanisms for monitoring and tracking hedge funds and the underlying hedge fund portfolios—explaining each stage of the process in minute detail and providing specific examples which fully explain the opportunities and challenges you'll face each step of the way. Provides a detailed look at how to source hedge funds, screen through them, and rank their strengths and weaknesses Lays out a thorough process for evaluating funds, from initial interviews to performance analysis to onsite meetings Reveals what questions to ask by strategy in order to understand the underlying risk factors associated with each Highlights non-investment analysis, including operational due diligence and risk management, as integral elements in the process Written by a financial professional with over twenty years of experience conducting investment manager due diligence, this book will put you in a position to make more informed decisions when investing in hedge funds.

The five volumes of this ultimate resource recognize the inherent unity between business ethics and business and society, that stems from their shared primary concern with value in commerce. This Encyclopedia spans the relationships among business, ethics, and society by including more than 800 entries that feature broad coverage of corporate social responsibility, the obligation of companies to various stakeholder groups, the contribution of business to society and culture, and the relationship between organizations and the quality of the environment.

The comprehensive, practical guide to buying, selling, and merging technology companies The Technology M&A Guidebook provides executives and entrepreneurs interested in acquiring or selling a technology company with everything they need to know about the entire M&A process, from identifying target companies or buyers to financial analysis, due diligence, tax issues, valuation, and legal considerations. This book explores specific issues that are unique to technology M&A: assessing the impact of technology sector high-change rates; market-driven product development; company culture issues; engineers as managers and managers as engineers; consumer and technical product differences; technology marketing issues; intellectual property considerations; Internet interaction; and more. It also provides detailed analyses of factors involved in acquiring companies from different sectors, including: \* Semiconductor equipment and chip manufacturers \* PC/workstation and related hardware companies \* Software businesses \* Data networking and telecommunications firms \* Internet-related companies Don't enter the M&A process unprepared. Let The Technology M&A Guidebook help you beat the odds and make your sale or acquisition a complete success.

Commercial Due Diligence (CDD) is about telling the difference between superior businesses and poor businesses, which is why this book is a mixture of business strategy, marketing analysis and market research. However CDD is not about the bland application of analytical techniques, it's about understanding how businesses and markets work and what is really important for profits and growth. Commercial Due Diligence is written by someone with over 25 years' experience of practical strategic analysis who nonetheless has a strong academic grounding. For the first time here is a book that deals with the essentials of strategic analysis with the practitioner's eye. If you are in the business of formulating company strategy, and you want to see how to apply the theories and understand in practical terms what works, when, and what can go wrong, this is the book for you.

The goal of this book is to create awareness for a change in mind-set that we will all have to face and go through. The necessity for this new mind set is being driven by the situation that a completely new business world, a new reality, is being created at the point where the phenomenon commonly referred to as the "new economy" converges with the well-known old economy. During the very late 1990s, this new reality was being driven by an almost incredible increase in yields in the financial markets, where conventional but value-driven and stable stocks such as Philip Morris, General Electric, or Bayer, did not attract as many investors as before - if we can call some of them investors at all. Companies in the high-tech or the new market segments are all part of the new economy. This new economy has created new business ideas, business models, and a new reality, in which chief executive officers (CEOs) were in the mid twenties and had basically no clue as to what real business is and how much a dollar counts. Now, as this convergence is happening, the

painful reality and the business rules of the old economy get us back down to earth. The CEOs become more senior, business plans are validated more carefully, and just having the famous ". com" in your company name does not get you any further or lead you to any of required money.

The first and only book to systematically address methodologies and processes of leveraging non-traditional information sources in the context of investing and risk management Harnessing non-traditional data sources to generate alpha, analyze markets, and forecast risk is a subject of intense interest for financial professionals. A growing number of regularly-held conferences on alternative data are being established, complemented by an upsurge in new papers on the subject. Alternative data is starting to be steadily incorporated by conventional institutional investors and risk managers throughout the financial world. Methodologies to analyze and extract value from alternative data, guidance on how to source data and integrate data flows within existing systems is currently not treated in literature. Filling this significant gap in knowledge, *The Book of Alternative Data* is the first and only book to offer a coherent, systematic treatment of the subject. This groundbreaking volume provides readers with a roadmap for navigating the complexities of an array of alternative data sources, and delivers the appropriate techniques to analyze them. The authors—leading experts in financial modeling, machine learning, and quantitative research and analytics—employ a step-by-step approach to guide readers through the dense jungle of generated data. A first-of-its kind treatment of alternative data types, sources, and methodologies, this innovative book: Provides an integrated modeling approach to extract value from multiple types of datasets Treats the processes needed to make alternative data signals operational Helps investors and risk managers rethink how they engage with alternative datasets Features practical use case studies in many different financial markets and real-world techniques Describes how to avoid potential pitfalls and missteps in starting the alternative data journey Explains how to integrate information from different datasets to maximize informational value *The Book of Alternative Data* is an indispensable resource for anyone wishing to analyze or monetize different non-traditional datasets, including Chief Investment Officers, Chief Risk Officers, risk professionals, investment professionals, traders, economists, and machine learning developers and users.

**PRAISE FOR DISTRESS INVESTING** "Marty Whitman has distilled decades of distressed investing experience into a text that is a must-read for everyone interested in the field, whether a student or a professional investor." —WILBUR L. ROSS, Chairman and CEO, WL Ross & Co. LLC "Distress Investing: Principles and Technique represents a detailed and unique perspective on an arcane arena of investment that is going to get a lot more attention. Marty Whitman is the master, and has set the standard for many years." —SAM ZELL, Chairman, Equity Group Investments, LLC "Martin Whitman and Professor Diz have produced a seminal work on the ins and outs of distressed investing for all distressed debt investors. It is jam-packed with information and guidance for the novice and the experienced. A must-read for anyone interested in distressed investing." —LEWIS KRUGER, Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP "Marty Whitman, a legend in distress investing, packs decades of experience into these pages. The restructuring of the capital markets currently under way is sure to provide great distress investment opportunities, which this guide book can make count for you." —BRUCE FLATT, Brookfield Asset Management Inc. "The principles found in this book are those I used in the reorganization of my business from bankruptcy to an S&P 500 company with an investment grade rating and a multibillion-dollar market capitalization. An excellent primer by Marty Whitman and Professor Diz, integrating economic theory with real-world investment to help investors of all shapes and sizes understand and invest in distressed securities." —GENE ISENBERG, Chairman and CEO, Nabors Industries, Inc. "Marty Whitman, the unquestioned 'Dean' of active distressed investors, and Fernando Diz, one of the few academics specializing in distressed investing, have teamed up to provide perhaps the best and most comprehensive primer on distressed securities and markets. I learned so much from this remarkable volume." —EDWARD I. ALTMAN, Max L. Heine Professor of Finance, NYU Stern School of Business, Director of credit and debt markets research at the NYU Salomon Center and adviser to several financial institutions including, Paulson & Co. and Concordia Advisers

Companies of all sizes have been initiating international transactions--mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, strategic alliances, and private placements--in record numbers. Targeted due diligence is crucial to effectively research, value, and complete these complex deals. With an evolving climate of uncertainty and new, unpredictable threats to business, it is more essential than ever before. *Due Diligence for Global Deal Making* is an invaluable guidebook for companies trying to capitalize on the opportunities in both developed and emerging cross-border markets. All too often global transactions fail to meet the parties' expectations, and the leading culprit is inadequate due diligence. Especially when the target partner lacks a financial performance track record and significant assets, expanding businesses must answer difficult questions, such as: Why (if at all) do this deal? What are the rules going in, and what happens if things go wrong? Where are the tax, legal, financial, and operational traps, and what are the opportunities? This book provides what's needed to avoid devastating mistakes and to master the steps that ensure success: Expert analysis, insights, and strategies from experienced practitioners and leading authorities in cross-border matters In-depth coverage of critical topics decision makers need to understand in order to succeed in cross-border transactions--from corporate planning to operational, financial, legal, tax, accounting, and people/organizational considerations Best practices of corporate investors and professional advisers in conducting critical due diligence Noted experts discuss critical topics corporate executives--and all those involved with their company's legal, operational, accounting, and tax matters--need to know to successfully complete complex global transactions today.

This book helps readers develop a comprehensive understanding of diagnostics for strategic decision-making, with a focus on a method called rapid due diligence. This method presents a compelling solution to the need for effective diagnostics, drawing on academic rigor, critical thinking, systems dynamics, and advanced practicum to enable sound strategic decision-making. Guiding the reader through the six stages of the process from discovery, through analysis,

synthesis, and interpretation, Thompsen engages all typical postgraduate disciplines in producing insights for practical application. Drawing on similarities with applied social science research, the rapid due diligence method is supported with scores of techniques, tools, instructions, guidelines, practical advice, and examples. Detailed cases and abbreviated examples of a variety of real strategic situations are provided from organizations operating in North America, Europe, Asia, India, and Australia. Ideal for graduate students, organizational leaders, and decision makers, this book is designed to invite deeper understanding and practical application of a strategic diagnostic process that discovers insights for achieving positive results.

This textbook deals with engineering, science, technical, legal, financial, ICT, logistics and people management topics necessary for managing engineered assets such as all man-made tools, gadgets, buildings, equipment, machines, infrastructure, large-scale physical and industrial facilities and systems which pervade all sectors of industry. By coalescing concepts, principles, practices, and practical issues from the relevant multi-disciplines, the book addresses the body of knowledge required for managing engineered assets in the 4IR and Society 5.0 era and beyond. The book is written for: Scholars and students who intend to strengthen or acquire knowledge about the concepts, principles, and practice of managing engineered assets; Managers of engineered assets in both the public and private sectors who aim to improve asset management practice for their organisational purposes and missions; Policymakers and regulators in order to improve policymaking, governance, assessment and evaluation frameworks on the management of engineered assets; The broader audience concerned about the sustainable management of engineered assets that constitute our built environment and provide the means for industry and livelihood.

A short pragmatic book about commercial due diligence, i.e. marketing in deal preparation. --- "A MUST READ FOR ALL EXPERTS INVOLVED IN PRIVATE EQUITY AND M&As"(\*) --- The book unveils a unique tool: MOSAICS to easily structure market data and articulate analytical tools. It provides a relevant synthesis of marketing fundamentals. The latter and the MOSAICS tool make this work of interest for M&A experts and beyond, for any Marketer. The book features a meaningful analysis of the practice while showing how commercial due diligence can enhance M&A pay-off. --- "A WAKE-UP CALL FOR THE BUSINESS WORLD"(\*) --- One may challenge the interest for real life of an academic research. Well, the answer comes from the business world itself: the original manuscript was awarded the yearly Prize by ARFA (the French Association of M&A professionals) and received support from seasoned practitioners (\*). --- (\*) Refer to the quotes on the fourth cover and the foreword. --- TARGETED AUDIENCE: Financial executives, corporate strategy executives, management consulting and education (business schools' professors & students) --- KEY WORDS: M&A, mergers and acquisitions, pay-off, ROI, investment, value creation, deal value, deal preparation, dataroom, data room, commercial due diligence, commercial analysis, strategy, analytical tools, matrix, Ansoff matrix, BCG matrix, GE matrix, KSF, key success factor, Ohmae 3C, Porter five forces, 8Ps Krippendorf, SWOT, strategic marketing, market analysis, market intelligence, knowledge management, risk analysis, methodology, mosaics model, management consulting, strategy consulting, private equity, PE, investor, venture capitalist, corporate venture, corporate fund, investment bank. --- SOME AUTHORS IN BIBLIOGRAPHY: R. Bruner, A. Chernev, P. Howson, R.S. Kaplan, K.L. Keller, P. Kotler, M. McDonald, P. Millier, A. Reed Lajoux. --- EBOOK OR PAPERBACK: The e-book features all figures and graphs in color whereas they appear in grey levels in the paper version.

A step-by-step guide to develop a flexible comprehensive operational due diligence program for private equity and real estate funds Addressing the unique aspects and challenges associated with performing operational due diligence review of both private equity and real estate asset classes, this essential guide provides readers with the tools to develop a flexible comprehensive operational due diligence program for private equity and real estate. It includes techniques for analyzing fund legal documents and financial statements, as well as methods for evaluating operational risks concerning valuation methodologies, pricing documentation and illiquidity concerns. Covers topics including fund legal documents and financial statement analysis techniques Includes case studies in operational fraud Companion website includes sample checklists, templates, spreadsheets, and links to laws and regulations referenced in the book Equips investors with the tools to evaluate liquidity, valuation, and documentation Also by Jason Scharfman: Hedge Fund Operational Due Diligence: Understanding the Risks Filled with case studies, this book is required reading for private equity and real estate investors, as well as fund managers and service providers, for performing due diligence on the noninvestment risks associated with private equity and real estate funds.

This proceedings book gathers selected papers that were submitted to the 2020 International Conference on Comprehensible Science (ICCS 2020) that aims to make available the discussion and the publication of papers on all aspects of single and multi-disciplinary research on Conference topics. ICCS 2020 held on October 30-31, 2020. An important characteristic feature of Conference is the short publication time and world-wide distribution. Written by respected researchers, the book covers a range of innovative topics related to: Big Data & Data Mining; Business, Finance & Accounting & Statistics; COVID-19 Impact; Educational Technologies; Innovative Applied Sciences; Innovative Economics; Management Technologies & Systems; Media Technologies; Physical & Material Sciences; Medicine, Public Health & Rehabilitation. This book is useful for private and professional non-commercial research and classroom use (e.g. sharing the contribution by mail or in hard copy form with research colleagues for their professional non-commercial research and classroom use); for use in presentations or handouts for any level students, researchers, etc.; for the further development of authors' scientific career (e.g. by citing and attaching contributions to job or grant application). Discusses how to analyze and investigate a business when one is deciding whether to acquire it and/or whether to invest in it.

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