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- Measures of dependency including linear correlation, and the impact of correlation on portfolio losses
- A detailed review of five of today's most popular portfolio models?CreditMetrics, CreditPortfolioView, Portfolio Risk Tracker, CreditRisk+, and Portfolio Manager
- How credit risk is reflected in the prices and yields of individual securities
- How derivatives and securitization instruments can be used to transfer and repackage credit risk

Today's credit risk measurement and management tools and techniques provide organizations with dramatically improved strength and flexibility, not only in mitigating risk but also in improving overall financial performance. Measuring and Managing Credit Risk introduces and explores each of these tools, along with the rapidly evolving global credit environment, to provide bankers and other financial decision-makers with the know-how to avoid excessive credit risk where possible?and mitigate it when necessary.



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From the Back Cover

State-of-the-art tools and techniques for controlling credit risk exposure of all types, in every environment

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Praise for *The Standard & Poor's Guide to Measuring and Managing Credit Risk*:

"de Servigny and Renault have written a valuable reference book on the analytics of credit markets. Theory and data are integrated seamlessly throughout the manuscript. The mathematical treatment is complete, though not overbearing. The economics, pricing, structuring and capital allocation aspects are artfully combined into a coherent whole."

--Jamil Baz, Global Head of Fixed Income Research, Deutsche Bank

"This is much more than just a 'how to' book--it is analytically complete in that it looks at the microeconomics of industry structure to understand why credit risks have to be measured and monitored as well as being comprehensive in covering all the different approaches used to monitor and measure credit risk."

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"This extensive work, really clear while dealing with sophisticated methodologies, is right in the heart of today's concerns."

--Jean-Pierre Mustier, CEO, SG Corporate and Investment Banking

"de Servigny and Renault provide a comprehensive treatment of all aspects of modern credit risk measurement, management, and mitigation, not only for large corporations but also for retail and small business (with an excellent chapter on credit scoring). This book is an absolute must for both academics and risk professionals, especially those struggling with the implementation of Basel II."

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Fast-changing regulations, transformative technologies, and today's go-for-broke business mentality present investment banks and other lenders with default problems that are both unprecedented and daunting. To keep pace with this change, finance professionals are finding they must continually review and upgrade their credit risk management tools and techniques.

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