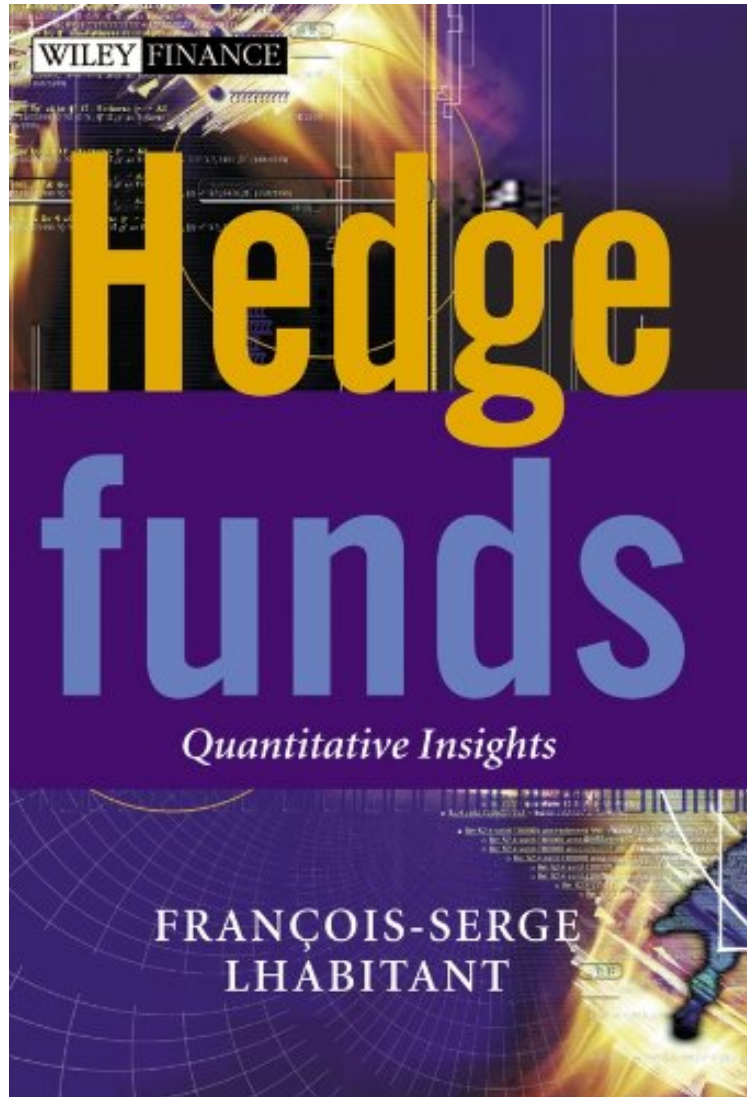


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who want to obtain their CAIA, finance MBAs, or people in the industry. 10 of 11 people found the following review helpful. A solid quantitative starting point

By P. McFawn
If you come from a background of very limited knowledge about hedge funds, this book is a great first step. I had to read and study this book for my CAIA Level-1 exam. The book covers a lot of MBA-level finance concepts and applies them to the fairly new world of hedge funds. It begins with risk and return statistics and continues on with covariance, correlation, and regression analysis. It delves into databases, indexes, and benchmarks, which is a pretty new concept in alternative assets, as well as style and cluster classification. It also considers hedge funds from a diversified portfolio perspective and deals a lot with risk budgeting and risk management. It's a solid book and it a good first step if you're interested in the quantitative side of funds. The quantitative insights aren't that new for a student of finance, but they are taught from the perspective of applying them to the management of a fund. I would recommend this book to those who aren't already well-versed in finance and are interested in the basics of hedge funds.

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From the Inside Flap
Hedge funds are the fastest growing sector of the financial industry, and possibly the least understood. In this book, as a follow-on to Hedge Funds: Myths and Limits, the author provides a primer on the quantitative nature of these alternative investments. Written by an author experienced as both a practitioner and academic, Hedge Funds: Quantitative Insights provides a step-by-step introduction on how quantitative tools can be applied to hedge fund investing. Divided into three parts, the book begins with coverage of the measurement of risk-adjusted returns for hedge funds. The focus is not on determining whether hedge funds outperform or under-perform traditional markets, but rather on understanding the real meaning of performance statistics used by hedge fund managers and quantitative analysts. The second part of the book examines the risk exposures of hedge funds, and subsequently, their return drivers. The final part of the book enters the field of portfolio construction and asset allocation. Hedge Funds: Quantitative Insights is essential reading for finance practitioners, including portfolio managers, qualitative and quantitative analysts, consultants and investors - both institutional and private. It could also prove useful to students of finance who want a better understanding of what goes on in the hedge fund world.

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