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The number one guide to corporate valuation is back and better than ever Thoroughly revised and expanded to reflect business conditions in today's volatile global economy, Valuation, Fifth Edition continues the tradition of its bestselling predecessors by providing up-to-date insights and practical advice on how to create, manage, and measure the value of an organization. Along with all new case studies that illustrate how valuation techniques and principles are applied in real-world situations, this comprehensive guide has been updated to reflect new developments in corporate finance, changes in accounting rules, and an enhanced global perspective. Valuation, Fifth Edition is filled with expert guidance that managers at all levels, investors, and students can use to enhance their understanding of this important discipline. Contains strategies for multi-business valuation and valuation for corporate restructuring, mergers, and acquisitions Addresses how you can interpret the results of a valuation in light of a company's competitive situation Also available: a book plus CD-

ROM package (978-0-470-42469-8) as well as a stand-alone CD-ROM (978-0-470-42457-7) containing an interactive valuation DCF model Valuation, Fifth Edition stands alone in this field with its reputation of quality and consistency. If you want to hone your valuation skills today and improve them for years to come, look no further than this book.

Why is it that Casio can sell a calculator more cheaply than Kellogg's can sell a box of corn flakes? Why can FedEx "absolutely, positively" deliver your package overnight but airlines have trouble keeping track of your bags? What does your company do better than anyone else? What unique value do you provide to your customers? How will you increase that value next year? As customers' demands for the highest quality products, best services, and lowest prices increase daily, the rules for market leadership are changing. Once powerful companies that haven't gotten the message are faltering, while others, new and old, are thriving. In disarmingly simple and provocative terms, Treacy and Wiersema show what it takes to become a leader in your market, and stay there, in an ever more sophisticated and demanding world.

This book introduces the integrated management concept of "Sustainable Value Creation", which delivers sustainability 'inside-out' from the core business. It is based on the premise that sustainability can provide a platform for growth, if it is implemented in a company's products, services and supply chains (combined also known as the 'Value Chain'). Managing the Value Chain from the outset with a sustainability mindset

subsequently allows profitable economical, ecological and societal growth. It combines the need for increased sustainability and its implementation in the operations of a company. The book addresses the following issues: How do economic, environmental and societal factors impact the value-creation process of a company? What requirements and expectations need to be met to balance economic, ecologic and societal value creation? What are the building blocks and measures that can be utilized on the journey towards building a sustainable value chain? What benefits can be achieved through sustainable value chains? What are the practical examples of sustainable value chains in leading companies that can inspire others to follow? The book includes contributions from the following organisations and companies: Beiersdorf, SAP, Klenk und Hoursch, VAUDE, Infineon Technologies, Independent Capital Management, BASF, Nanogate, the Federal German Council for Sustainable Development, Henkel, Symrise, shared.value.chain, Siemens, Fairphone and Thin Air Factory

Strategic Corporate Social Responsibility, Fifth Edition is a comprehensive CSR text with a strong emphasis on strategy. Balancing theory and practical applications, the text is divided into two parts. The first half of the text provides an overview of the field, stakeholders perspective, CSR as a strategic filter, and how to implement CSR effectively. The second half of the book uses more than 20 cases to illustrate the organizational, economic, and societal issues surrounding CSR. The engaging cases capture contentious debates across the

spectrum of CSR topics that culminate with a series of questions designed to stimulate further investigation and debate.

Creating Shared Value to get Social License to Operate in the Extractive Industry presents techniques and models that will enable you to actually formulate, implement, and evaluate strategies to shared value to earn SLO.

A practical approach to business transformation Fit for Growth* is a unique approach to business transformation that explicitly connects growth strategy with cost management and organization restructuring. Drawing on 70-plus years of strategy consulting experience and in-depth research, the experts at PwC's Strategy& lay out a winning framework that helps CEOs and senior executives transform their organizations for sustainable, profitable growth. This approach gives structure to strategy while promoting lasting change. Examples from Strategy&'s hundreds of clients illustrate successful transformation on the ground, and illuminate how senior and middle managers are able to take ownership and even thrive during difficult periods of transition.

Throughout the Fit for Growth process, the focus is on maintaining consistent high-value performance while enabling fundamental change. Strategy& has helped major clients around the globe achieve significant and sustained results with its research-backed approach to restructuring and cost reduction. This book provides practical guidance for leveraging that expertise to make the choices that allow companies to: Achieve growth while reducing costs Manage transformation and

transition productively Create lasting competitive advantage Deliver reliable, high-value performance Sustainable success is founded on efficiency and high performance. Companies are always looking to do more with less, but their efforts often work against them in the long run. Total business transformation requires total buy-in, and it entails a series of decisions that must not be made lightly. The Fit for Growth approach provides a clear strategy and practical framework for growth-oriented change, with expert guidance on getting it right. *Fit for Growth is a registered service mark of PwC Strategy& Inc. in the United States

The edited collection brings into focus the meanings, interpretations and the process of value creation in international business. Exploring value creation in the context of emerging and developed economies, Volume 2 takes the perspective of small and medium sized enterprises and examines various approaches to value creation in the process of firm internationalization. Providing theoretical and practical insights, the authors open an intellectual debate into what value is, and how it is created through the internationalization activities of firms. Value Creation in International Business is a pioneering two volume work intended to provoke theoretical and empirical development in International Business research. Moreover, it is intended as a bridge between concepts derived from general business firm-level research agendas such as value creation and business model, and internationalization approaches and activities of firms.

The 1990s bring challenges to American business

that will require radical new management strategies. The management revolution gathering momentum across the country puts customer value creation as Priority One. Shows you why customer value creation is vital for business success and teaches you how to transform your organization into a high value delivering enterprise. You'll find all the tools and approaches for value creation that give senior executives and top-level managers a reliable road map for strategic change. And you'll learn these techniques and methods from actual case study examples of industry leaders who are now pioneering the new approaches for becoming increasingly valued by their customers.

The tangible value of increased water efficiency, reuse and recycling and improved social license to operate are moving more companies to adopt water stewardship strategies. This book frames an expanded strategy for water stewardship and business value creation, including brand value, that benefits a range of stakeholders including consumers, customers, investors and employees. The book shows that until recently the linkage between full business value and water stewardship has been missing from the corporate agenda. This linkage and value creation from a leading water strategy is increasingly important to socially responsible investors and "aspirational" who value companies that have a social mission or focus to

their overall business strategy. In general the largest portion of a company's market capitalization is intangible value and understanding how a water strategy contributes to this intangible value is essential. The authors include cases studies and a framework or path forward to guide companies as they seek to build leading water strategy that goes beyond water stewardship to drive full business value from this investment. The book establishes the linkages and value from an integrated water and business strategy and an approach for companies to follow.

One of the most important activities of enterprises today is responsible entrepreneurship. Corporate social responsibility (CSR) activities can help to forge a stronger bond between employees and corporations, can boost morale, and can help both employees and employers feel more connected with the world around them. Moreover, the growing importance of this concept results from the fact that it is perceived as an effective tool for increasing competitiveness, improving the image of the company, or contributing to the generation of higher profits. In today's world, an active commitment to social responsibility is becoming more common for a company. CSR and Socially Responsible Investing Strategies in Transitioning and Emerging Economies is an essential reference source that identifies the scale and scope of implementation of CSR and

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socially responsible investing strategies and standards in companies operating in different transitioning and emerging economies as well as assessing the global effects of these activities. Featuring research on topics such as economic growth, responsible investing, and business ethics, this book is ideally designed for managers, executives, directors, corporate professionals, government officials, industry leaders, academicians, students, and researchers in the fields of international economics, international business, marketing, finance management, and public relations.

Corporate Value CreationAn Operations Framework for Nonfinancial ManagersJohn Wiley & Sons This edited collection brings into focus the meanings, interpretations and the process of value creation in international business. Exploring value creation in the context of emerging and developed economies, Volume 1 takes the perspective of multinational firms and examines various modes of foreign market servicing varying from exporting to joint venture, mergers and acquisition and strategic alliances. Providing theoretical and practical insights, the authors open an intellectual debate into what value is, and how it is created through the internationalization activities of firms. Value Creation in International Business is a pioneering two volume work intended to provoke theoretical and empirical

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"Who owns the modern company? And how should owners behave? Rolf H. Carlsson brings a fresh eye and historical depth to the issue of ownership, management and value creation that every firm and its owners must consider." Frances Cairncross, Management Editor, The Economist "Rolf H. Carlsson gives a valuable historical review and illustrates with cases how active ownership has played an important role in company development...gives...interesting views on where corporate governance is heading and...advice on how to make it work well." Percy Barnevik, Chairman of ABB, AstraZeneca, Investor, and Sandvik; Director (non-exec.) of GM "The nuanced and rich analysis of ownership competence which can be found in Rolf H. Carlsson's book goes far beyond the traditional debate and provides truly interesting and valuable insights for investors, industrialists, entrepreneurs, and owners both in the private and the public sectors." Richard Normann, Professor, Chairman of SMG "Rolf H. Carlsson (analyses the) process...of (creating) long-term shareholder value...in which our model for corporate governance

is key, and provides valuable insights into our approach to business." Marcus Wallenberg, CEO, Investor AB "Rolf H. Carlsson's...book on ownership (has been) eagerly awaited by the governance community. Carlsson is uniquely able to illumine those areas in which Swedish corporate structuring has been ahead of the world. It is a book that we all look forward to reading." Robert A. G. Monks, Principal, Lens Investment Management

"Carlsson...outlines a powerful frame of reference and analytical tools to address issues of value creation and the role of active owners. This book is a significant contribution to the all-important issues of corporate governance. I was intrigued and pleased to read it." Richard H. Koppes, Jones Day and Stanford Law School; former General Counsel, CalPERS "...adds new perspectives by highlighting the demanding challenges of globalisation. A remarkable new book on the crucial issues of ownership and corporate governance." Dr R. Marsch-Barnier, Senior Counsel, Deutsche Bank AG "This innovative book puts the spotlight on those who have the ultimate responsibility for corporate governance, the owners. It provides useful insight into the ways of effective ownership." Professor Jay W. Lorsch, Harvard Business School

Sustainability has become an unavoidable topic in modern society. In order for sustainable development to be fully achieved, it must be

integrated into the planning and measurement systems of business enterprises. Green Initiatives for Business Sustainability and Value Creation is an essential reference source including the most recent scholarly research on the development and application of green business models for contemporary organizations, with a focus on possible contexts and constructs of closed loop supply chain management. Featuring extensive coverage on topics such as consumption behavior, political economy, and structural modeling, this book is ideally designed for academicians, researchers, and professionals seeking current research on the importance of strategic green business practices. The second edition of this textbook comprehensively discusses global supply-chain and operations management, combining value creation networks and interacting processes. It focuses on the operational roles in the networks and presents the quantitative and organizational methods needed to plan and control the material, information and financial flows in the supply chain. Each chapter starts with an introductory case study, and numerous examples from various industries and services help to illustrate the key concepts. The book explains how to design operations and supply networks and how to incorporate suppliers and customers. It also examines matching supply and demand, which is a core aspect of tactical planning, before turning to the

allocation of resources for fulfilling customer demands. This second edition features three new chapters: “Supply Chain Risk Management and Resilience”, “Digital Supply Chain, Smart Operations, and Industry 4.0”, and “Pricing and Revenue-Oriented Capacity Allocation”. These new chapters provide the structured knowledge on the principles, models, and technologies for managing the supply-chain risks and improving supply-chain and operations performance with the help of digital technologies such as Industry 4.0, additive manufacturing, Internet-of-Things, advanced optimization methods and predictive analytics. The existing chapters have been updated and new case studies have been included. In addition, the preface provides guidelines for instructors on how to use the material for different courses in supply-chain and operations management and at different educational levels, such as general undergraduate, specialized undergraduate, and graduate courses. The companion website www.global-supply-chain-management.de has also been updated accordingly. In addition, the book is now supported by e-manuals for supply-chain and operations simulation and optimization in AnyLogic and anyLogistix. Providing readers with a working knowledge of global supply-chain and operations management, with a focus on bridging the gap between theory and practice, this textbook can be used in core, special and advanced

classes. It is intended for broad range of students and professionals involved in supply-chain and operations management.

The authors of "The Balanced Scorecard" and "The Strategy-Focused Organization" present a blueprint any organization can follow to align processes, people, and information technology for superior performance.

Focused Operations Management shows how to do much more with existing resources in terms of throughput, response time and quality. It provides a system view and will touch upon performance measures, operations management, quality, cost-accounting, pricing, and above all, value creation and value enhancement.

Kathrin Bösecke analyses the factors that determine the success of business combinations. Based on her analysis of 126 acquisitions and 66 alliances in the European utility industry, she identifies the origin of the participating firms as well as the target country as essential determinants of value creation.

An international IT consultant offers a vital new way to think about information technology and the future of your business. Our world is driven by ever-changing technologies. With greater globalization, dependence on foreign labor, and physical separation of various functions, businesses of all sizes are increasingly reliant on their IT departments. So why are so many companies still reluctant to invest in IT? The problem lies in perceived business value—something author Ashu Bhatia wishes to change. In Value Creation, Bhatia shares his world-renowned expertise on the subject, demonstrating

how IT is at the center of modern enterprise. Only by promoting IT will a company truly be able to succeed, and Bhatia will show you why and how.

A detailed crash course in business management for valuecreation Corporate Value Creation provides an operations frameworkthat management can use to optimize the impact decisions have oncreating value by growing revenue and profitability. Designed toassist professionals without a strong business or financialeducation, this book provides a thorough understanding of thequalitative and quantitative aspects of managing a business for thepurpose of value creation. Readers will find detailed informationon financial reports, valuation, modeling and forecasting, andmore, including discussion of best practices that functionalmanagement can embrace to leverage performance. The final chapterreviews key concepts and helps the reader tie them all together byusing a step-by-step approach to build or modify a business planthat includes a complete set of financial statements. In addition,each chapter includes case studies or exercises so that the readercan practice using the material covered in the chapter. Corporate Value Creation can also be used as a handbookfor managers who are looking for information on specific topicsthat range from developing financial statements to manufacturingmanagement, to internet marketing and much more. In most cases,individual topics can be reviewed without reading the entire book.Finally, for the manager who wants to quickly understand what'sinvolved in running a successful business, each chapter begins withthe key takeaways

from that chapter in a section called "Nuggets".

Fundamentally, creating value is as simple as making more money— but therein lies the rub. Effective management of business growth involves a complex interplay of productivity, capital, debt, and margins, and finding the most efficient balance can be challenging. For managers who need a deeper understanding of the forces at work, Corporate Value Creation is a thorough, detailed guide but it is also valuable for managers who are looking for information on a specific topic or simply wanting to understand at a high level what's involved in running a successful business.

Mark C. Scott value drivers How does my company actually work? How do I become a better manager? How can I fit these pieces together to get ahead? The Manager's Guide to Driving Corporate Value Creation These questions are answered in this book. Mark Scott has created an easy-to-understand visual framework and the practical tools that will enhance any manager's performance. He teaches you how to recognize what your own organization does well and what it does badly. The tools provided will help you make crucial improvements in your own area of responsibility within your organization. "In a decade where most management books wax lyrical on consulting fads for the boardroom, it focuses on the solid, unglamorous but essential ground of helping managers and employees diagnose performance and take action for themselves." Martin Sorrell, Chief Executive Officer, WPP Group PLC "Effective strategy is something that is lived everyday by managers at the coal face through a continual process of

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analysis, learning, refinement and application. This book is a useful primer for time-pressed managers who want to know how to add value to their companies' strategies." Professor John Quelch, Dean, London Business School "Our business is founded on smart, independent thinking professionals helping clients solve complex problems. Any book that can give people better tools to understand these problems is useful. Unlike many I read, this is a useful book." Terence M. Graunke, Chairman, Lighthouse Holdings Inc

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is directed at bridging theory and practice.

Named one of the best strategy books of 2021 by
strategy+business Get to better, more effective strategy.

In nearly every business segment and corner of the
world economy, the most successful companies
dramatically outperform their rivals. What is their secret?

In Better, Simpler Strategy, Harvard Business School
professor Felix Oberholzer-Gee shows how these
companies achieve more by doing less. At a time when
rapid technological change and global competition
conspire to upend traditional ways of doing business,
these companies pursue radically simplified strategies.

At a time when many managers struggle not to drown in
vast seas of projects and initiatives, these businesses
follow simple rules that help them select the few ideas
that truly make a difference. Better, Simpler Strategy
provides readers with a simple tool, the value stick,
which every organization can use to make its strategy
more effective and easier to execute. Based on proven
financial mechanics, the value stick helps executives
decide where to focus their attention and how to deepen
the competitive advantage of their business. How does
the value stick work? It provides a way of measuring the
two fundamental forces that lead to value creation and
increased financial success—the customer's willingness-
to-pay and the employee's willingness-to-sell their
services to the business. Companies that win,
Oberholzer-Gee shows, create value for customers by
raising their willingness-to-pay, and they provide value
for talent by lowering their willingness-to-sell. The
approach, proven in practice, is entirely data driven and

uniquely suited to be cascaded throughout the organization. With many useful visuals and examples across industries and geographies, *Better, Simpler Strategy* explains how these two key measures enable firms to gauge and improve their strategies and operations. Based on the author's sought-after strategy course, this book is your must-have guide for making better strategic decisions.

Managing Knowledge Assets and Business Value Creation in Organizations: Measures and Dynamics provides an advanced, state-of-the-art understanding of the links between the knowledge assets dynamics and the business value creation. This publication focuses on the theory, models, approaches, methodologies, tools and techniques for measuring and managing organizational knowledge assets dynamics supporting and driving business performance improvements. This comprehensive work is a substantial contribution to the field in terms of theory, methodology and applications to replicate, support and challenge existing studies and offer new applications of existing theory and approaches.

What is the role of boards in corporate governance? How should they be structured in order to maximize value creation? This 2007 book looks at the role of boards in a variety of different countries and contexts, from small and medium-sized enterprises to large corporations. It explores the working style of boards and how they can best achieve their task expectations. Board effectiveness and value creation are shown to be the results of interactions between owners, managers, board members and other actors. Board behaviour is thus seen to be a result of strategizing, norms, board leadership, and the decision-making culture within the boardroom. Combining value creation, behavioural and

ethical approaches to the study of boards, this work offers a systematic framework which will be of value to graduate students and researchers in the field of corporate social responsibility and business ethics.

Increase the value of your companies by seizing the true power of digital transformation The Tesla Model S. The Uber aggregator business model. The Amazon bookstore. What do they all have in common? They're all smart. Smart products, smart business models and smart services created by data-driven tech companies that have dominated their industries and produced outsized returns for their investors. Now the high technology of digital transformation has matured to enable any traditional company to increase its competitiveness and growth profile by developing tech-facilitated business models and other intangible assets. A digitally transformed company uses data to increase its sales through innovation and invention, to increase its margins through operational efficiency and to increase its valuation multiple through the digital rerate. Founder and principle consultant of today's leading digital operating partners firm, Bruce Sinclair has been helping companies digitally transform for almost a decade, first as an independent consultant and then as an operating partner for a middle-market private equity firm. Whereas his first book, IoT Inc, is the gold standard business book for leadership in enterprises, this book applies those lessons for value creation in private equity. Digital transformation is leading to structural changes in all industries, and associated with any such changes are investment opportunities. Not just by betting on smart companies, but by buying companies and making them smart. This is your playbook to seizing the true power of digital transformation for your portfolio companies. This book provides insight into the Life Cycle Management (LCM) concept and the progress in its implementation. LCM is

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a management concept applied in industrial and service sectors to improve products and services, while enhancing the overall sustainability performance of business and its value chains. In this regard, LCM is an opportunity to differentiate through sustainability performance on the market place, working with all departments of a company such as research and development, procurement and marketing, and to enhance the collaboration with stakeholders along a company's value chain. LCM is used beyond short-term business success and aims at long-term achievements by minimizing environmental and socio-economic burden, while maximizing economic and social value.

The goal of this project is to detail the core, defining principles of strategic CSR that differentiate it as a concept from the rest of the CSR/sustainability/business ethics field. It is designed to be a provocative piece, but one that solidifies the intellectual framework around an emerging concept--strategic CSR. The foundation for these principles comes from my perspective as a management professor within the business school. As such, it is a pragmatic philosophy, oriented around stakeholder theory, that is designed to persuade business leaders who are skeptical of existing definitions and organizing principles of CSR, sustainability, or business ethics. It is also designed to stimulate thought within the community of intellectuals and business school administrators committed to these issues, but who approach them from more traditional perspectives. Ultimately, therefore, the purpose of the strategic CSR concept (and this book) is radical--it aims to redefine both business education and business practice. By building a theory that defines CSR as core to business operations and value creation (as opposed to peripheral practices that can be marginalized within the firm), these defining principles become applicable across the range of operational functions. As such, they redefine how businesses

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approach these functions in practice, but also redefine how these subjects should be taught in business schools.

The complete guide to improving business performance through sustainable practices: current knowledge, practical skills, real-world insight. * *How sustainability impacts today's enterprise: stakeholders, investor issues, performance management/measurement, and more. *Strengthening links between sustainability and shareholder value -- including updated coverage of Socially Responsible Investing (SRI).

*For every environmental, health, and safety professional and decision-maker who wants to drive more value from sustainability. Organizations that prioritize environmental, health, and safety (EHS) issues are well placed to attract better customers, better talent, and today's growing number of socially responsible investors. But, to gain these benefits, companies must choose the right sustainability strategies, and then manage and measure them well. Now, leading business sustainability consultant Peter Soyka offers a complete and actionable guide to driving greater value through sustainability. Soyka bridges the disparate worlds of the EHS/sustainability professional and the investor/analyst, covering all this and more: * *What the evidence says about linkages between sustainability and value. *Key stakeholder relationships influencing corporate behavior related to EHS and social equity. *Best practices for managing sustainability throughout the business. *How sustainability posture and performance can be evaluated by investors, markets, and managers. *How to maximize the influence of organizational actors focused on sustainability This book will be invaluable for all environmental, health, and safety decisionmakers and professionals concerned with improving sustainability and value; for executives and strategists seeking competitive advantage; for analysts evaluating investments; and for researchers and MBA candidates currently studying the

techniques and potential of corporate sustainability.

In this time when "change is everything," leaders and people at all levels of organizations need guideposts to live, work and grow by - unshakable principles that can be relied upon implicitly, irrespective of how much technology and globalization drive people to change. Today, organizations and individuals alike need a compass with which to set a course that is true and that they can believe in no matter what. In this groundbreaking book, Laurence Ackerman reveals that identity - the unique characteristics that define who we are-is such a compass. Surprisingly, Identity Is Destiny shows that organizations who are best able to adapt to change are those whose leaders understand and "invest in"-rather than change-their companies' unique identities. It is when leaders align strategic development and day-to-day operations with their company's unique, value-creating capacities that identity truly becomes destiny. The author illustrates how identity gives rise to culture, that identity precedes strategy, and that, most important, companies like individuals, can never be other than who they are. Ackerman describes three features that mark organizations who are led according to their true identities: grand efficiency - having all parts of the enterprise working in sync; integrity - in the sense of unity, or "wholeness;" and endurance-the possibility of the company living in perpetuity. The author goes on to provide a comprehensive blueprint for "identity-based management"-everyday decision-making and action-that reveals a path to authentic leadership. When it is clear who a company is, Ackerman explains, everything else follows naturally: making acquisitions that fulfill their promise; hiring and retaining people who "fit in;" developing marketing and product strategies that make sense for customers and the company alike; establishing partnerships that work.

Increasing disruption, diminishing returns, and demanding

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Customers require business leaders to create more Value, remain relevant, and stay ahead of competition. CEOs have to evolve a “Value Creation” culture for the company so as to properly balance the interests of Customers, Employees, Investors, and the Marketplace. This pathbreaking book shifts the focus to Creating Value for the entire business ecosystem and not just for the shareholders. It will launch organizations into the world of Value Creation and will convert good CEOs and companies to great ones with longevity and higher profitability.

Now beyond its eleventh printing and translated into twelve languages, Michael Porter’s *The Competitive Advantage of Nations* has changed completely our conception of how prosperity is created and sustained in the modern global economy. Porter’s groundbreaking study of international competitiveness has shaped national policy in countries around the world. It has also transformed thinking and action in states, cities, companies, and even entire regions such as Central America. Based on research in ten leading trading nations, *The Competitive Advantage of Nations* offers the first theory of competitiveness based on the causes of the productivity with which companies compete. Porter shows how traditional comparative advantages such as natural resources and pools of labor have been superseded as sources of prosperity, and how broad macroeconomic accounts of competitiveness are insufficient. The book introduces Porter’s “diamond,” a whole new way to understand the competitive position of a nation (or other locations) in global competition that is now an integral part of international business thinking. Porter’s concept of “clusters,” or groups of interconnected firms, suppliers, related industries, and institutions that arise in particular locations, has become a new way for companies and governments to think about economies, assess the competitive advantage of

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locations, and set public policy. Even before publication of the book, Porter's theory had guided national reassessments in New Zealand and elsewhere. His ideas and personal involvement have shaped strategy in countries as diverse as the Netherlands, Portugal, Taiwan, Costa Rica, and India, and regions such as Massachusetts, California, and the Basque country. Hundreds of cluster initiatives have flourished throughout the world. In an era of intensifying global competition, this pathbreaking book on the new wealth of nations has become the standard by which all future work must be measured.

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Value Creation from E-Business Models provides a thorough analysis of what constitutes an e-business model. Unlike many e-business books available, this text draws together theoretical and empirical contributions from leading academic scholars in the field of management information systems. Divided into four parts, E-Business Models and Taxonomies; E-Business Markets; E-Business Customer Performance Measurement; and E-Business Vendor Applications and Services, this book is the critical dissection of E-Business that today's academic community needs. * World class academic contributors brought together in one volume * Demonstrates that there are e-business models which create value for customers and vendors alike * Learn from the lessons of the past five years in developing and implementing e-business models

An accessible guide to the essential issues of corporate finance While you can find numerous books focused on the topic of corporate finance, few offer the type of information managers need to help them make important decisions day in and day out. Value explores the core of corporate finance without getting bogged down in numbers and is intended to

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give managers an accessible guide to both the foundations and applications of corporate finance. Filled with in-depth insights from experts at McKinsey & Company, this reliable resource takes a much more qualitative approach to what the authors consider a lost art. Discusses the four foundational principles of corporate finance Effectively applies the theory of value creation to our economy Examines ways to maintain and grow value through mergers, acquisitions, and portfolio management Addresses how to ensure your company has the right governance, performance measurement, and internal discussions to encourage value-creating decisions A perfect companion to the Fifth Edition of Valuation, this book will put the various issues associated with corporate finance in perspective.

The contemporary economic landscape features the prevalence of the service sector in economic systems, the pervasive servitisation of manufacturing, innovations in traditional business models and new value creation models, thanks to the new possibilities offered by the web, ICT and other enabling technologies. In this evolving context, this book provides qualified contributions on the topic of service science from a managerial perspective. A multidisciplinary perspective is adopted, dealing with both the structural–technological and dynamic–relational aspects of managing complexity. In addressing the contribution that service science can make to business value creation, this book covers relevant issues such as product servitisation, business modelling, value cocreation with customers, performance measures and the role of ICT. It also presents some innovative experiences of management models in service organisations operating in the environmental, energy and health-care sectors. This book aims to enhance the value of the results of research intertwined with the development of a new training curriculum started four years ago at the Scuola

Superiore Sant'Anna of Pisa (Italy) with the evolution of the "Master in Management of Innovation" into the new "Master in Management, Innovation and Service Engineering" (MAINS).

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